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RECORDS

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Braintree incorporated		May 13, 1640, O.S.
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

The Towns of Braintree, Quincy, Randolph and Holbrook, which formerly composed the Town of Braintree, at their several annual meetings held in the year 1885, voted to print the records of the Town of Braintree from the date of the incorporation to the year 1793, and severally selected the following persons to carry said vote into effect:

Charles F. Adams, Jr.,	of Quincy.
George L. Gill,	
Ebenezer W. Underwood,	
Francis A. Hobart,	of Braintree.
Samuel A. Bates,	
Horace Abercrombie,	
Royal T. Mann,	of Randolph.
John B. Thayer,	
Rufus A. Thayer,	
George W. Paine,	of Holbrook.
Samuel L. White,	
Abram C. Holbrook,	

Samuel A. Bates, town clerk of Braintree, was selected to take charge of the publication of the records, and they have been printed under his personal supervision.

They were printed from the copy made under the direction of the Town of Quincy in 1876, and the proof read from the original, of which they are intended to be an exact transcript. It was found impossible to index all the various ways in which names were spelled, and they are therefore placed under their proper orthography, as far as known.

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BRAINTREE RECORDS.

THE SCHOOLE LAND

[1] A. 1640.

The Deed of the Land recoverd of Mr. Coddinton.

James Peniman Thomas Matoson Steven Kinsly Gregory Baxter Samuel Crane and William Chesebrough Deputed for towne affairs it was Covenanted between the town of
Brantree and Richard Right that the
sayd Richard Right shall put the town of
Brantrey in full possession of one hundred and [
acres more or less of land lying in the [necke]
formerly called Mr Coddintons necke [by the]
sayd towne to be held for [ever]
fourty acres Bounded by the land of [William]
Potter one the northwest [
of Mr Tinge one the east [
one the south west belonging [
Tinge aforsayd & a march being [
Gregory Baxter and Samuel [
southeast and seaventy five acres [more or]
less bounded on the north west by [
Tinges lands and one the south east by [lands]
of Edmond Quinsey and one the south west
by the salt water upon the mill river [
upon the north est upon medow or [
belonging to the third company of [
twenty and eight acres lying betweene [
up land in consideration of all the said [lands]
the sd Towne of Brantree hath given [to the]
sd Richard Right ninety eight pounds [
shillings and eight pence being [
ground allowed by the Courte to [
of Brantree out of the goods of [
Coddinton [

3mo 1641 Concerning the Mill.

It is ordered that their shall noe other mill be built in the plantation without the consent of Richard Right or his heires so long as the mill remains in ther hands which was built by the s^d Richard Right, unless it evidently appear that the s^d mill will not serve the plantation, and that he or they will not built another in convenient time

Delivery and seisin of Richard Right.

Delivery and sezesing acknowleged of the land bought of Richard Right the 10th of 5th mo 1640 delivery and sezeing we acknowleged by the sd Richard Right unto the towne of Brantree.

There is a footway to ly from the laine of Goodman Penimans where it is markd one the paills and two ladders appointed to be made for a stile and from thence upon a straight line to the metting house over the old Bridge.

9mo 1641 Against any inhabitant selling yr Land without offering of it first to the selectmen to a stranger

It is ordered that noe inhabitant shall sell or dispose of any house or land to any that is not received a inhabitant into the towne without it be first offered unto the men that are appointed to dispose of the towns affairs; and in case it be not bought by them within twenty dayes after the first offer; that they shall have liberty to dispose of it, only to such as the town's men shall approve one, and therefore it is Agreed that evry acre of land or house so disposed one without the [townsmens consent shall pay] [3] the whole sume of nineteen shillings and seven pence:

4th of the 2mo 1641.

Moreover it is furder ordered that noe man that is not received an inhabitant into the town shall have liberty to build any house or cottage within the libertys of the towne without the consent of those that are chosen to dispose of the towns affaires.

The 19th. 10mo. 1642 Highway.

At a meeting their being present Samuel Bass John Albèe Steven Kinsly Martin Sanders Thomas Madson Thomas fflatman Peter Brackitt It was ordered by one consent that a highway for a cart should be at William P [Ennes] hedge end one William Potters land one [rod] wide to goe into the old field and that [them] that make use of that way should be at the charge to hang a gate at the [hedge end]

1th : 11mo : 1644 A Ladders to be provided for Chimneys.

The same day it is ordered that every [house] holder in this towne shall by the first day of March next insuing shall have a ladder of his to stand up against his chimney to secure them and the town from fire or else shall be lyable to pay what penalty the town's men shall impose one them.

The 29th 10mo. 1645 Town march to the elders.

At a town meeting there being present Welde James Peniman Martin Sanders Thomas Mekins, Samuel Bass Peter Brackitt It is ordered that the fourteen acres of town March shall be improved to the elders use, Mr Tompson and Mr. fflint, [to] such time as the townsmen shall [see fit] otherwise to dispose of it.

[4] 9mo 1648 Mr fflints acknowledgment of the sale of the Schoolehouse.

This day Mr fflint made acknowlegment of the sale of the house and lote which was latly John Paflins and since his death sold unto the said Henry fflint by William Penne by virtue of an execution sued out by him in the presence of all the townsmen the said Henry fflint doth acknowledge himselfe fully satisfied by Mr. Doctor John Morly for the said house only the said Mr. Doctor doth promise that if he should be called forth off the towne to sirrender backe againe the s^d house to Mr fflint at the same rate of seaven pounds which he paid being allowed at the discretion of indifferent men for such charges as he has bine att in witness herof the s^d Henry fflint and Mr. Doctor have herto set their hands the day and year above written in the presence of

Samuel Bass
Richard Bracket
Moses Paine
Thomas Blanchar
Matthew Barnes.
William Allis,
Martin Sanders.

Henry fflint
John Morly.

[5] 4th 10mo 1651 The sale of Dudatus Curtises Land sold to Thomas Barrit

This day Martin Sanders and ffrancis Eliot made acknowlegment of the Sale of the Land which was latly Goodman Curtises which he sold to s^d Martin Sanders and ffrancis Eliot which the s^d Martin Sanders and ffrancis Eliot have sold now to Thomas Barrit being seaven acres more or less lying next to Thomas Burt on the West side and next the common one the south side and next Barnabas Derrifall of the north side and next Nathanil Herman one the east side and in the presence of these men the s^d Martin Sanders and ffrancis Eliot doe acknowlege ourselfes fully satisfied by the s^d Thomas Barritt and in witness herof the s^d Martin Sanders and ffrancis Eliot have set to our hands

witness
Richard Brackett
ffrancis Nucome

Martin Sanders
ffrancis Eliot.

6th 10mo 1651. James Couveys acknowledgment of his sale of his land to William Veza

This day James Couvey made acknowlegment of the sale of the land that was Henry Neales and his owne land which his house stands upon which the s^d James Couvey has sold to William Veza being nintenne acres more or less and all the houses which stand upon the s^d ground with all the s^d premises belonging to the s^d house and ground, the ground lying next to the common one the [ ] and next to William Owen upon the South and next the brooke upon the West and next Charles Grigses, upon the North in the presence of these Witnesses the s^d James Couvey does acknowledge himself fully [satisfied] William Veza [ ]

[6] and in Witness herof the s^d James Couvey have set to his hand

Wittness. the mark of
Richard Brackett James × Couvey
Samuel Bass.
Petter Brackett.

29th 11mo 1650 A petetion of David Mattaks to the selectmen of Brantry.

To our loving Brethren and neighbours the Townesmen of Brantre these are to certifie you that all we whose names are under written doe stand to a Joint and equall purchase of the Common one to pay as much as another and to have every man alike equall part or share of it not that we intend hereby that any man not having Cattell of his owne answerable to his share of Common shall either directly or indirectly take in from any other Towne or Townes any maner of Cattell to sumner them upon the Common thereby to wronge the Towne (we profess against it) provided this hinder not any of us the inhabitants aforsayd to hire oxen or cows for our owne proper use or servis.

Steven Kinsly in the name of the rest.

[7] 10th 9mo 1646: A grant of taking timber off of the common for a mans own use, But not to sell out of Towne.

At a meeting being present Samuel Bass James Peniman Gregory Belshar Henry Adams Samuel Addams, It is ordered that every man that is an inhabitant of the Towne shall have Liberty to take any timber off the Common for any use in the Towne (provided) so they make not sale of it out of the Towne and in case any shall make sale of it out of the Towne either in boards or bolts or any other wayes whole or sawne they shall pay for every tunne of timber five shillings a tunne to the Towne

BRANTREE.

8th 1mo 1652 The grant of the Townesmen of Brantree to Mr. William Tinge.

In consideration of Chapt William Tinge his interest with Boston men in all the lands of theirs within their precincts wherof they have made a grant to this Town dated 20th 8mo 1647 which was delivered to remaine in his hands untill he was satisfied for yeelding his farmes to be thierein comprehended and in consideration of his consenting thereunto and delivering them up the s^d grant, it is agreed and ordered that the s^d William Tinge his heires and sucseedors shall forever freely injoy to every of his three farmes in particular all libertys and privileges By the s^d grant to the Towne as fully and annually as any one inhabitant their or party purchasers thereof and shall also enjoy all other privileges which this Towne in any wise that doth or may pertaine unto their towne and it is also agreed and ordered that noe way for swine shall be required through the grounds of the s^d William Tinge but such dwrift way as George [Spear] hath of late in part or whole layd

out for [driving] of Cattell nor noe way for carts but the s^d dwrift way when it is made conveniant for the passege theron by the Judgment of foure [men] indifferently chosen by both partys: — Wittness the hands of the Townsmens meeting

Samuel Bass
Martin Sanders
Steven Kinsly
James Peniman
William Allis

[6] 12mo: 1652 A highway to the Common

There being present the selectmen of Brantree as Martin Sanders James Peniman, Samuel Bass William Allis Richard Brackitt: Have ordered and set out a high way for our heard the way as followeth that is to say att the uper-end of Thomas Mekins ground going to manati-cutt in the country high way to ly between Thomas Mekins ground and Thomas Mattsons foure rods wide and so to rune to James Penimans ground & so to rune between Goodman Penimans and Goodman Mattsons foure rods wide while it comes to the way leading to Goodman ffaxsons.

Samuel Bass
James Peniman
William Allis
Martins Sanders
Richard Brackett

9th: 11mo: 1652 A highway layed out through George Ruggells ground. —

There being present att a meeting Samuell Bass and James Peniman William Allis Martin Sanders Richard Brackett the Selectmen of Brantree have ordered and set out a highway ni Georges Ruggells ground begining in the highway that lead from Robert Permanters to waymoth ferry this way to begine twenty rods or theirabouts from the South east end of Robert Permanters Barne and so to the lower side of this way to rang uth three blacke Stobbes and so to run two rods through the s^d Georges Ruggells ground while it come to Richard Brackitt ground and so through Richard Brackitts ground to rune two rods wide, in the common highway while it come to Peter Brackitts ground and so to rune through his ground while it come to Martine Sanders ground

Samuel Base
James Peniman
William Allis
Martin Sanders
Richard Brackitt

[There is here a mutilated marginal note. — *Copyist.*]

[7] 6th: 12mo: 1653 An Order Aganst Strangers Cominge into Towne without consent of the Selectmen.

There being mett together Martin Sanders Samuel Base James Peniman Richard Brackit William Allis: — Upon Consideration

of great ill conveniencyes that may come to the Towne of Brantree by parsons coming into inhabite amongst us; It is therefore ordered that noe person or persons shall come into inhabite amongst us without the Selectmens consent upon the penalty of ninetene shillings fine for every three dayes they shall stay amongst us; and it is furder ordered that noe inhabitant shall receive any person or inmate into ther house above three dayes without the Townesmens consent upon the forfiture of ninetene Shillings and eleven pence: —

And it is furder ordered that noe man shall build house or cottage within the Towneship of Brantree uthout the Townsmen consent upon the forfiture of such penalty as the Selectmen shall see cause to put upon them

Martin Sanders
Richard Brackit
William Allis

11th: 12mo: 1655 A highway layed over the Brooke by Deacon Eliots

Upon the same day ther is layd one footway to ly from the Rocke by George Ruggells [street] over the fresh Brooke in the convenientest place and so straight along by the foreside of ffranis Eliots Barne and so straight over his Lot in the convenientest place and so to the end of the highway that goes up by Mr. fflints: : — :

[8] 23th 12mo 1651. A highway layed out to the Common through Richard Hardiers ground and Martin Sanders Junior.

At the Selectmens meeting ther being present Samuel Base and Martin Sanders Steven Kinsly James Peniman: William Allis: They have ordered and layed out a highway to the Common the way to begine att the uper-end of Martin Sanders Juniors ground next the highway going to the mill twelfe foote of it to ly in Martin Sanders ground and twelfe foote of it to ly in Thomas Mekins ground the high way to be foure and twenty foote broad and so runing to the pich of the hill after the pich of the hill to run a rod in Goodman Richard Hardiars ground and a rod in Thomas Mekins ground two rods broad and so to run foure and twenty foote wide in Thomas Mekins ground upon a straight line to the uper end of his ground and then to run from thence into Richard Hardiars ground foure and twenty foote wide up to the common.

It is furder ordered that the Towne shall provide two gates sufficiently hanged; And then Richard Hardiar and Martin Sanders Junior doe promise to maintaine them or cause them to be maintained by them and ther heires and sucseeders ever after: — Upon which condition the Selectmen of Brantree doe give these sd. men mentioned Richard Hardiar and Martin Sanders Junior thirty Shillings to provide gates to hang up; — and the sd. townes men doe give them twenty shillings upon these conditions as aforsayd that they shall maintain these sd. gates for ever; And

they have liberty to keep them lockt from the first of Aprill to the first of October, but to let any of the Towne to make use of the highway in this time they coming for the key: And the rest of the yeare the gates are to stand open: —

[9] 29th: 8mo: 1656: A vote passed att a publike meeting about the common.

The Inhabitants of Brantrey having publike notis given six weekes before the Vote passed to give a publike meeting for the ordereing and disposing of the Common, for future times)

At which meeting the inhabitants that were their meet voted the Common for to lye as a free Common unto all inhabitants of the Towne, that are legally taken in by the Selectmen: and such to have the like priveleges as the grand purchassers: But when it was voted att the sd meeting their was but foure men that discented or voted against it: which were by nam as is here under written

Robert Stevens
John Harbour Sen.
William Veza
Samuel Tompson.

2th: 11mo: 1656. A highway layd out in the old feild for goodman Hoydin to bring his corne out or any that shall have cause to bring any that way.

A high way layd out by the Selectmen in the old feild for goodman Hoydin to carry or bring his corne out of his land by John Dossits land, Senior, which way is layd and appointed to lye in the line betwene Deacon Bass and John Dosset Senior, downe the hill and then to lye by goodman Webbs swamp and so along betwene the two hills: and so to come in the way as Deacon Bass brings out his corne only for harvest time this way to be made use of) and in case any shall brack downe gate or raills they shall make it good againe;

[10] 2th: 11mo: 1656. A highway layed out into the Common upon Henry Neals land from Barnabus Derifalls

This way was layed out into the common by goodman Grisers and James Couveys formerly going up the rockes straight from the runnill of water in the country highway; but upon the request of Henry Neal & uth the consent of the Selectmen it was altered and layed by the sid of Henry Neals planting feild one the south sid of the country way and by the side of the hill a great rocke lying one the lower side before you goe over the runnell, and when you are over the runnell a little to the right on a steep pich of a hill and then into the common this way turning out of the country high way before you come to goe downe the hill where the water runs downe into a swamp one the north west sid of the country way: —

[11] 25th: 12mo: 1640 The Country highway layed through Brantry

At a Towne meeting there being presant Capt William Tinge Samuel Base Steven Kinsly Martin Sanders Benjamin Allbee & Mathew Barnes; — At a meeting this day it was agreed by us, and by Thomas Hoolbrooke and Henry Kingman Nathanill Adams a committee from waymoth to lay out the Country way through Brantry to Dorchester: That the sd. highway shall lye the full breadth of foure rods wide from waymoth to Brantree meeting house, and wheras att the sd meeting house the way cannot conveniently be had att one end, we apoint two rods att one end therof, and two rods at the other end, and then to fall to foure rods againe att a marke stumpe a litle beyond the meeting house and so that breadth to a stump of a tree, att goodman Neals house and then to be carryed the sd breadth to the Lot called Hudsons Lot; rectifiing the present way which now is by taking it off by severall [nouck] as we have marked the same att the same breadth to the going downe of the hill; and toward the brooke, from which hill to the brooke six rods; and so runs one foure rods to Dorchester bounds as it is already set out by severall marke trees for that purpose, and this we present to the Honered Courte to be recorded for the country high way for ever: —

[12] A grant to Sam. Kinsly by the inhabitants upon a training day. (1657)

A grant to Samuel Kinsly of Brantrey upon a training day about the 8th 12mo. 1657. By the whole inhabitants granted to the sayd Samuel Kinsly that he should have twenty rods of the Townes Common before his door; so as it may not damnifie noe man for a highway coming out of the common; which land is to seet a barne one and a yard about it; and to be sett out by the selectmen: which was so sett out according to the *grant:*

The highway lying against John Milles house how it is layd out into his Lote. —

At John Millis house the country high way going up the hill of Rockes being to straite; and therefore presented) the selectmen of the Towne therefore has layd it about foure rods into John Milles lote which is to two Rockes allmost together one great rocke and one litle one and so to a blacke stumpe. and from thence to rune into the high way againe: —

28th: 12mo: 58 At two meetings agreed by the inhabitants to exchange so much land with Deacon Base as Chapt. Brackitt Moses Paine Deacon Allis Willi Nedam should Judge reasonable. —

Agreed by the inhabitants of the Towne of Brantry att two meetings that Chapt. Richard Brackitt Deacon Allis Moses Paine William Nedam these persons should goe uth Deacon Base and see his demands of the Towne in way of Exchange of some land of his in the chaptaines plaine so called and as these persons could agree the Towne did consent; wheras the sd. persons have agreed

and consented that Deacon Base shall take in for his propriety of the Townes Common land twelve rods wide att the head line upon the rockes southward; and leave out to the Townes Common for their propriety twelve rods wide of the said Deacon Bases land one the other side next the furnis in lew therof: the ledge of rockes that runs at the head of the captaines plaine, and so to abound tree att the corner of the swamp towards the mill pond in his old line

[13] Sould by me John Mills Senior unto Tho. Thathson of Brantry this first day of Aug: 1658 sixteen rodes of land lying next unto the meeting house bridge be it more or lesse bounded by the [fist louth] of Rayles from the brooke as it now stands so to runn to the outside of the house and from thence to a stump by the brooke the s^d^ Tho: Thathson to make and maynetayne a sufficient fence (he and his hayers for ever) between the s^d^ John Mills and Tho: Thathson the s^d^ John Mills having received tenn shillings in full payment for the same as wittnes my hands the day and yeare above written

Teste — John Mills
Peter Brackett. — Tho. ⌈ Thathson his mark

24th December. 65

A highway layd out into the Common by John Mills through [Hunes] lot

This highway layd out by Deacon Base Capt. Brackitt Moses Paine & William Nedam; which way is layd out from the bridge going up the hill before John Milles so ranging with a ledge of great rockes on the lower side next the swamp; to lie two rod wid upward from the rockes; and so to goe along to pass through the swamp where themselfes have formerly made it;

ffeb: 68 At Towne meeting this Vote passed for schoolmaster: That the Towne of Brantry did consent to lay the Schoole land; that is to say the Annuall Income of it; for a salliry for a Schoole master, and to make it up twenty pounds besides what every child must give.

19th Decemb: 1670

At a Towne meeting being publike notis given, and the towne being meet at Steven Paines there was a vote passed by the inhabitants, that the towne land meadow and upland should be disposed off by the Selectmen then in being; for the townes use and best advantage, but not to let out any above 7 yeares Capt Brackit Deacon Base Thomas ffaxon Wm Vesy Edm. Quinsey.

[14] March 69 A vote passed by the towne at a generall meetting. —

In year (67) *the grant*

The Hon^le^ Generall Courte in way of answer to a Petition persented by the Deputy of our Towne granted six thousand acres of

land to the towne of Brantrey; In case this sayd grant be layed out and confirmed by the Court, it is the vote of the towne that every accepted inhabitant wch is an household or in the Towne of Brantry shall have an equall interest in the land granted, and that every such an inhabitant and householder shall bear his equall & protion of charge in the seeking of it and laying of it out, and al other charges as shall follow, and every man shall bring in his twelve in money at this present time, at or before the 8th day of this instant march.

27th Dec 1670 A lease Josiah Chaffin and John Baxter. 5 acres meadow and 40 acres upland.

Be it known to all men by these presents; that we the Selectmen of Brantrey Deacon Base Richard Brackit Thomas ffaxon William Vesy and Edmond Quensey of Brantrey by virtue of a power given at a publike Towne meeting; Have set and let unto Josias Chaffin and John Baxter all the Towne land lying at home next the Towne being bounded one the north upon Edmond Quinseys land and the swamp one the south west and Deacon Base salt marsh on the south east, to occupie and improve the full tearme of seaven yeares for a pasture only and peculiarly to make all fences therto belonging; to cutt noe wood upon the sayd land but for fencing of the same; ffor wich land the sayd Chaffin and Baxter doe covenant and Bargine to pay yearly to the sayd Towne of Brantrey twelve pence the acre or forty shillings by the yeare in corne at prise current by the first day of January by the assignment of the Selectmen yearly within the Towne of Brantrey. But in case the towne shall share occasion to make use of some of the pasture for the accomodating of a minister they shall sumer two cowes and a horse in the same land or any other as convenient place for reasonable satisfaction to be discounted off from the rent; Witness our hands iosiah chapin John Baxter

5. ac: marsh: Josiah caffin

Also the sayd Josiah Chaffin shall have five acers of salt marsh of the towne of Brantrey lying one the south west sid of Speeres land by the sheep Penn, and next to Samuel Belchers Marsh one south east; ffor which marsh being judged about 5 acers the sayd Josiah Chaffin dos bind himselfe heires executors and assignes to pay or cause to be payed at or before the first of January yearly the just sume of thirty shillings in moneys worth unto the selectmen or by their order for the Townes use. And the said Josias Chaffin doe promise to let out all the Salt ponds in the marsh wch is the Townes marsh as hired by himselfe at the first opportunity for wch reson he is to have the sayd marsh for the next seaven years insuing from the day and date herof 27th Dec: 1670 Wittness my hand 20th January 70

Attested per Josiah Chapin
[ ] Quinsey
[ ] Byshop.

[15] About 20th March 69. Propositions made betwene Brantry Towne & Mers Anna Thompson

Ther being propositions made by Elder Baitts Deacon Dyer of waymoth and Capt. ffoster of Dorcester chosen by the County Court held in January 68: ffor to heare the matter in difference betwene the Towne of Brantry and Mrs. Anna Thompson, and so to make a returne of it onto the next County Court, And these propositions was made after a full debate of matters by both partys, wch was that the Towne of Brantry should give Mres Anna Thompson the Just sum of forty pounds in the yeare (69) and this should satisfie upon all demands and the Towne of Brantry should have a full discharge and be acquitted by the sayd Anna Thompson from all after demands whatever; only what is given in her last six bills she had liberty to get her due of each person wch was in her bills set downe legally by the Deacons.

2th Janury 1670 At Towne meeting

Their being a Towne meeting called & generally meett together it was voted and concluded their should be a chh rate made to the sum of sixty six pounds, and be disposed as followeth. viz 15£ to Mr. Peter Buckly of Concord: twenty shillings a man for all the ministers that had bine helpfull to the chh and the remainder should goe to Cor Josiah fflintt.

13th. May 72

At a publike Towne meeting upon the call of the chh of Brantry Mr Moses ffiske to be minister to this congregation it was agreed and concluded by the major part that a house and land for an orchard should be bought (or land) and a house built by the whole and it should stand as an accomodation or supply for the ministry from time to time (and allowance for a yearly salyry was 60 pounds to be payed at the countrys set prise for country rates: and five acers of Towne salt marsh the grass therof from yeare to yeare for the ministry:

18th. Jun 72

By the consent or approbation of the Selectmen of Brantry a Towne meeting was called; and persons warned therunto by Robert Stevens and the Towne being meet together it was voted — viz As followeth that the selectmen Deacon Base Capt Richard Brackit Tho: ffaxon Sr Wm Vesy Edm: Quinsey with these three persons chosen the three persons chosen Joseph Crosby Steven Willise to joine with them shall confirme the bargine made with Bro: Samuel Tompson wch is to make an exchange of six acers of salt marsh tenne acers of Rocky common, with fiftenne pounds of [silver] payed by the Towne in way of Rate: this land and money to [be] given to Bro. Sam Tompson for his land orchand dwelling house [barne] and all priveleges therunto, for a house and accomodation for a ministry and so to ly for that use unto the towne for [ ].

[ ]

[16] [Jun] 72. A tender to Mr. Moses ffiske.

At the same Towne meeting it was voted that the Towne Brantry would give to Mr. Moses ffiske the just sum of sixty pounds in money as by a Towne rate and he to make provision for himselfe as housing and land therunto this was to be tendered vnto him ; — or else to live in a Towne house provided for the ministry. And this house and land bought by the Towne of Brothe Samuel Tompson being about five acers and a halfe or six acers to be fenced and housing set in good repaire :

Dec : 12th. 72. A highway to the Comon.

The Selectmen being meet together to consider about high wayes over the land of John Baxter unto the Comon and we finding the side of the hill dangerous, we doe lay out the way to be upon the hill just above the captaines plaine bridge a rod and halfe in the midle within the fenc and to come in and goe out whene the selectmen pulled up the fenc

Dec : 72 A highway into the Comon over Barnabas Derifalls land.

Also the selectmen have determinated that the ancient way into the comon over Barnabas Derifalls land shall ly at the head of the furnace pond and so into the way that goes vnto the mill pond.

Capt Brackit
Sam : Base
Wm. Vesy
Tho : ffaxon Sr
Edm : Quinsey

25th March 73 Christo : Web :

At a publike training day it was voted, and passed one the affirmitive, that Christopher Web Sr should forthwith goe and find out a trackt of land, and by a Sirvaer lay out 6000 acers which was the generall Courts grant vnto the Towne of Brantrey and shall make a returne of it in a plott under the sirvaers hand to be wel bounded by marke trees with B T set one the barke of the trees and heapes of stones or by diging a litle square hole that their maye be markes upon every side within 50 rodes one of another ; the sayd Web and partners being at all the charge ; and this being sufficiently and wel done the Towne dus allow the sayd Web and partners 1500 one thousand five hundred [17] acers for their paines and charge ; in case it be lookt out in a months time, and layed out ; the sayd Webb is to give 6 weekes worke to the Towne ; and the plott by the sayd Christo : Webb to be presented to the Hond Generall Court to have it confirmed to be the Townes of Brantry : It is not to be understood that the said 6000 acers shall be layed out within a month from the date specified, but within a twelve month ; Josiah Chaffin and Joseph Crosby are accepted by the sayd Christopher Webb as equall partners they being at equall charge : and these three persons are to have an equal part in quantity and quality out of the 6000 acers ;

5th March 72–3

It was agreed by the inhabitants of the Towne of Brantrey upon a publike meeting that upon the first second day of March and the last second day of October annually that ther should be upon these dayes a generall Towne meeting of the whole inhabitants to consult and agree upon all things that may concerne the good of the Towne and for the choise of all their publike towne Officers :

[18] [19th] Dec : 1672

At a Publike meeting their being notis given, it was voted and agreed that Samuel Tompson Sr. shall have of the Townes common land lying above John Saunders Plaine at 4th. [& over] from Wm Penn corner vpon a straight line to Steven Paines and to be layed out by Capt Brackit and Christo : Webb Sr :

25th. March 73

It being brought vpon a secund consideration by Samuel Tompson and some of the Towne accounting it to hard upon Samuel Tompson it was then granted by the Towne of Brantrey being meet together that it sheuld be neere about twelve acers which first rote was but about tenne acers.

Also voted and assented by the Towne then meet together that Rich. Brackit Samuel Base Thomas ffaxon Wm Vesy Edmond Quinsey being selectmen in the yeare : 72 : shall signe a deed in the Townes behalf to Samuel Tompson and John Mills Jur. :

Octo : 26th : 1674

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted and consented to by the major vote ; that oe Pastour Mr. Moses ffiske should have 80£ for this yeare 74 ; in wood part and corne at the country rate prise wch was barly 4d : peese 4d : Indian 3d Mault 4d :

[19] 11 April 1673

Receved of the Towne of Brantrey by Samuel Tompson the just sum of Sixty pounds being in full what was promised by the towne upon my setlement, being 60£ in good current money of New England wch is to full content I Say Reced of the Towne of Brantrey by me.

A true Copy of a Receipt given by me Moses ffiske Pastour of the chh of Brantrey.

Rece of Samuel Tompson one the behalfe of the Towne of Brantry the full sum of Sixty pounds in lew of the Sixty pounds of money of New England ingaged by the sayd Towne to me in order to my setlement amongst them.

April 10th.—1673 I Say Recd p Mr Moses ffiske

As Attest that this is a true copy of a Receipt given by Mr. Moses ffiske

Selectmen in 73. — Edmond Quinsey, Wm Vesy, Samuel Tompson, Joseph Adams

These may certifie whom it may concerne that I Moses ffiske doe herby acquitt and discharge the Towne of Brantrey respecting their ingag^{mts} to me by rates allowed by them for my salary for my four first yeares of my labours with y^{e} in ye ministry: vid: from part seventy one seventy two to yeares past seventy foure Seventy five; But in case any person or p sons be indebted, it is tobe understood of any such persons or persons, capeable to satisfie that they shall be lyable to pay theire arreires by distress, their names being returned to the Deacons: December 4th: 1676:

y M^{r}. Moses ffiske

A true copie of the Townes discharge and acquittance given by o^{e} Rev Pastour M^{r}. Moses ffiske by his own hand: and recorded by Edmond Quinsey the 3^{d} November 1677.

[20] 4th. July 1673. Highway layd into the neck.

Their being a highway layed out formerly by the Selectmen of Brantrey a way into the Towne land and so into the neckes and Towne meadows; which way by Peter Georges land and through the land of Henry Neals (by their request) to the Selectment it was layed under the hill; along by Peter Georges orchard and at the end of Henry Neals meadow their being left about two rods from the meadow; and so also through the Towne land 2 rods and through M^{r}. Thomas Sheapards land which is in the occupation of George Speere, and so to M^{r}. Haughes necke as formerly called and so through the Towne land in the ancient way over the ridge hill to Edmond Quinseys necke which way their being some obstruction as to repairing of this way in diverse places we the selectmen of the Towne as Wm Vesy Joseph Adams Samuel Tompson Josias Chaffin and Edmond Quinsey doe also agree to and confirme the same way to remaine for the Townes use; wheras the way is straightened at Peter Georges corner the wall being vp already we doe judge the way at Henry Neals corner at the black stump to be so wide that one cart may pass well by another

Edm: Quinsey
Wm Vesy
Jo: Chaffin
Sam: Tompson
Jo: Adams. —

[21] 27th August 1673.

A true Copie of the Selectmens of Boston given vnder their hands to the Selectmen of Brantrey in giving up all their lands unto the Township of Brantrey accepting M^{r}. John Wilsones farme Pastour of Boston first chh 20th (8) 1647.

This writing wittnesseth: — That it is agreed betwixt the Selectmen for the Towne of Boston on ye 1st and Martin Saunders Samuel Bass and Mathew Barnes for and in the behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey one the other party: — That wheras Boston hath certaine lands lying betwene the bounds of Dorchester and ye bounds of waymoth as by the grant of the Court as will appear; It is now agreed, by and betwixt the partys aforsaid; in the

behalfe of the Towne aforesaide (as followeth) to witt the Selectmen of Boston for and in the behalfe of the Towne doe graunt that all such lands of theirs within the Precinct aforsaid (being hertofore comonly called and known by ye the nam of Mount Williston shall be accounted wthin the Township of Brantrey, and lyable to bear all comon charges in y^t Towne when they are layed out and improved. The Towne of Boston still retaining the right and power of allotting and disposing of all these lands to ytickler persons y^t are yet vnlotted out; The Towne of Brantry paying the sum of fifty pounds in manner as followeth vnto the use of the Towne of Boston) viz tenne pounds the 10th. of January next ensuing the date herof and ten pounds each first month ensuing (the next first month excepted) for foure yeares successively vntill the whole be payed all ye said Payments to be made in merchantable corne as wheat Rye peas & Indian at fifty shillings in each of them, wch sayd sum of fifty pounds being payed the inhabitants of the Towne of Brantrey are not only to enjoy for a comon the 1500 acers formerly layd out for a comon, but also the above liberty and power uth all their inhabitants as other townes to bring in att improved lands to bear comon charges uth them. Provided that M^r. John Wilson Pastour of the chh of Boston shall not be ratted unto Brantrey for his farme at Brantrey only that his [farm] shall be still lyable as hertofore: Finilly it is agreed and prmised by ye said three men of Brantrey, to make the A for said Payments.

[22] Att the meeting house of Boston to the Selectmen therof, wch shall be successivly chosen ye severall yeare. In witness whereof, the Selectmen of the Towne of Boston for the time being on the one Part and Martin Saunders Samuel Base and Mathew Barnes one the other part in the behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey interchangably have set to their hands this 20th (8) 1647

Will Colborn
Jacob Eliott
Anthony Stoddard
James Everill
Thomas Marshall
James Penn.

At a Country Court held at Boston 30th April 1662 Thomas ffaxon Senr Peter Brackit and Moses Paine in the behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey Plaintiff, against Thomas Gatliffe of the s^d Towne Defendant in an action of the case by Treaspassing vpon the Townes right in lands that is or hath bine flowed by the mill pond by mowing grass and chalenging it as his owne propriety as alsa trespassing vpon the Townes common in fencing in part of it and vpon the townes highway by his building fencing and digging holes according to attachment dat: 23. 2 mo: 62.

The Plaintiffs withdrew ther action.

Both Plaintiff and Defendant appearing in Court produced an

agreement betwene themselfes wch was read and deposed to and desired that it might be recorded; & is)

Whereas a p cell of land about twenty yeares Sinc was granted vnto Richard Wright by the Towne of boston for the encorigment and furtheranc of a water mill at Brantrey wch said mill and pond together with other estate hath been sold by the said Wright vnto major Gibbins and by him vnto Symon Lynde and by the said Lynd assigned to Thomas Gatleiffe [23] who now dwelleth [on] and possesseth the same and wheras sundry differences are arisen concerning the mill pond and flowing therof by reason of divers apprehensions how and for what end the s^d^ pond was granted therfore so it is that I, Thomas Gatliffe of Brantrey, miller doe herby owne and declare that I doe fully apreehend and adjudge that the sayd mill and pond and flowing therof was at first granted for such an end and purpose as that the Towne of Brantrey might be served and accommodated therby and as it hath ben hitherto so improved and at this time is so; I declare and promise by gods assistance that I my heires and assignes shall so improved the said pond & noe wayes seeke to cast down, or demolish the same to the frustrating of the Townes accomodation as wel as my owne particuler profit by grinding, and we Thomas ffaxon S^r^., Peter Brackitt and Moses Paine part of the Selectmen of Brantrey and as chosen and apointed by the Towne of Brantrey to end and setle the differences about the said pond doe a also herby in o^r^ owne name and in the namof the Towne of Brantrey declare and owne that we also doe apprehend and Judge that the formentioned mill pond was granted as aforsaid for and to such an end and purpose as is above exprest and doe herby for us and o^r^ successors of the Towne of Brantrey declare and promise that neither wee nor they shall or will seek to interrupt hinder or molest the said Thomas Gatleife his heires or assignes for or touching the said mill pond, or flowing therof or any wayes seeke to demolish the same but on the contrary gladly cherish and countenanc the maintening and upholding the same for the ends and purposes afformentioned for wch it was granted. In wittness wherof the [parties] aformentioned have subscribed hervnto ther hands this 30th April 1662 Thomas Gatlife Peter Brackit Tho: ffaxon Moses Paine. Att a Country Court 30th April 1662. Capt Rich: Brackit Levt. Rich. Cooke appeared before the Gov^er^ and deposed that having subscribed their names as wittnesses to this paper were present and did both see and heare Tho: Gatleife in behalfe of himselfe and Peter Brackit Tho: ffaxon and Moses Paine in behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey signe and publish the writing contained in this [paper] to be their agreement. Edw: Rawson Recorder Wittness hervnto Rich: Cook Rich: Brackit James Peniman.

This is a true copie taken out of the Courts Book of received Attest Edw: Rawson. —

[24] 20th. January 1674 About o^r^ mill.

Ther being a legal Towne meeting of the inhabitants meet together to consider of some proposalls made to the Towne by

Leut John Holbrook and Christopher Webb about the mill, being wholly demolished by fire there was chosen Capt Rich. Brackit Deacon Sam. Base Edm. Quinsey Robert [Tweles] Joseph Crosby by the Towne for a committee to heare and consider and to act for themselfes and the Towne of Brantreys behalfe;

22th. January 1674.

We whose names are under written being chosen a committee at a legall towne meeting to conferre uth Leut John Holbrooke of waymoth and Christopher Webb of Brantrey about the rebuilding of the Corne mill being demolished by fier, and we finding a record of an agreement formerly made by a Committee chosen by the Towne of Brantrey as Peter Brackit Tho: ffaxon Sr. and Moses Paine; made with Thomas Gatliffe who was posessor of the said mill; Therfor we who have subscribed being meet together and heard considered what has bine proposed and what we find recorded as a former agreement we adjudge that in case any inhabitant of the Towne shall build any other mill, so long as this mill dus make a sufficient supply vnto the Towne for grinding we judge to be contrary to what was agreed upon and we also agree that the custome of the Towne is ingagded to this mill, while wel supplyed; and vsed. Therefore we account him an offender that doe make vse of any River that is not perticular propriety to grind for the inhabitants: As Wittness or hands this 22th January 1674.

The Capt. desired the petition to Leuite Holbrooke his satisfaction.

Capt. Richard Brackitt
Deacon Sam: Base
Edmund Quinsey
Robert [Tweles]
Joseph Crosby.

[25] 29 October 1677

At a publike Towne meeting it was voted [by] the Towne that Samuel Base Sr. Capt. Rich: Brackit Sam: Tompson Christo: Web and Edm Quinsey should be a comittee for to treat with the heires of Mr. John Wilson formerly pastour of the old chh in Boston or whom they shall impower about the difference between the Towne of Brantrey & the Tenents of the farme (lying within the Towneship of Brantrey)

It was voted & passed one the affirmative that Edmond Quinsey & Christo: Web Caleb Hubart should let out the Towne land for harvest the three yeares not exceeding

7th January 1677

According to this vote of the Towne Edmund Quinsey Caleb Hubart Christo: Webb Sr. have let & set vnto John Baxter the hither towne land being about 40 acers to improve in pasturing for the tearme of three yeares next Insuing from the Date herof he fencing of it; (& prohibited taking of any wood but to fenc)

The said Baxter or his heires paying to the Towne of Brantrey foure pounds per annum forty shillings in money and forty shillings in good Indian or Maulte at prise current yearly; or in case Mr. Benjamin Thompson will have two cowes summared the said Jo: Baxter shall sumer them; & be allowed twenty shilling a yeare out of the corne pay: that is to be vnderstood, while he sumer the 2 cowes he is obliged to pay 40s in money & 20s in corne per anum: as Wittness or hands

John Baxter.

18th. March 1677/8 Highway to 40 acers comon moniticut.

Their being meet at Caleb Hubarts house the Selectmen as Edmund Quinsey Caleb Hubert Edmund Sheiffeild Henry Neal, ther was severall of the Inbabitants that dwel in the eastward part of monotocat as Joseph Arnold Larance Copland Thomas Holbrook they desired that the Selectmen would goe and lay out a highway for them to goe to their houses, and it was agreed by the Selectmen there present that John ffrench Sr. & Samuel Howard should have a sufficient cartway betwene them both as halfe the way upon Samuel Howards land and halfe the way to ly upon John ffrench land vntill it comes to the Towne's Common of forty acers, & John french willingly assented to it that gates should be set up at both ends of the way; & the way is to be 20 foote wide

[26] 4th March 1677/8. About Mr. Wilsons farme

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that Christopher Web Sr. & Joseph Crosby should have full power to act in behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey in making a full agrement & sshure of all differences now depending at Court betwene the heires of the Late Revd Mr. John Wilson pastour of the first ch in Boston & the Towne concerning the payment of all rates & dues to the towne & Countrey or by a furder prosecution at the general Courte:

3d March 1678/9 Mr. Benj Tompson 30£ Salary

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that Mr. Benjamin Thompson Schoole Master shall have this yeare for his salary the rent of the Towne land made vp thirty pounds & that the Towne give him a peice of land to set a house on vpon the Common to be set out by Joseph Crosby & Christopher Web not exceeding an acer & halfe or ther abouts & in case he leave the Towne the land to returne to the towne they paying for his building & fencing as it is then worth, but if he dye in the Towne servis as school master the land to be his heires for ever. —

It was also agreed that every child should carry into the school master halfe cord of wood beside the quarter money every yeare.

27th Octo 1679 Mr. Tompsons grant ofland.

At a Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that the acere and halfe of land formerly granted by the Towne condition-

ally to M^r^. Benjmin Thompson for the time of his abode, shall be to him & his heires for ever absolute 2^ly^ that in case M^r^. Benj^a^ Thompson purchase Thomas Bases land by the meeting house. that then he shall have a smal goere of land from the stile that leads to Sam^ll^ Thompsons land streight to the back side of the Shoole house and to the high way

27th Octo: 79 Affirmitive vote.

At a publike Towne meeting voted-wheras the inhabitants of the Towne of Brantrey having purchased of Wampa-tuck aliis Josiah a Indian Sachem all his rights title & interest to all the lands within the Towneship of Brantrey as apeares by a deed vnder the hand & seals of the s^d^ Josiah Sachem & divers of his wisemen & wheras the greatest part of the inhabitants have enjoyed their particuler alotments and parcels of land they are posessed off by vertue of former grants & purchases made befor the obtaining the s^d^ deed & which of right each person ought to injoy therfor for the avoiding future differences & troubles may arise about or concerning the premises it is herby ordered consented to & agreed vpon by all the inhabitants aforsaid, what so ever land any person or persons or s^d^ inhabitants have or doe injoy by vertue of such grant or purchase they shall for ever injoy the same as thr owne proper right to them thr heires executors administr^e^ and assignes for everi any thing in the s^d^ deed to the contrary notwistanding.

[27] 27th Octo: 1679.

At a generall Towne meeting the Towne made choise of Joseph Crosby Caleb Hubart & Christopher Web S^r^. to prosecute their interest to the lands purchassed of Josiah Sachem by a treatey uth Boston Selectmen & in case they cannot comply to bring the matter to a faire trial as sorne as they can with conveniency: But capt Rich Brackitt & Edmund Quinsey assented not vnto the vote.

79/80 1st March Affirmative vote

It was agreed & voted that no person or persons whatsoever shall fall cutt or carry away any wood timber fencing stuffe from the common lands purchased of Josiah by the Towne of Brantrey vpon penalty of paying ten Shillings for eng load so carried of (the fifteene hundred acers of old common not herin included this to stand in forc vntile the Towne take further order That the committee apointed for to judge of dammage done vpon the Townes common as by the records appeareth are herby inpowered to send the counstable & fetch the penaltys by distress or in any other legal way to obtaine the same.

10th May 1680 Voted by the Towne

7th March 81 — Affirmative

It is ordered by the selectmen that noe inhabitant shall enter-

taine any stranger or inmate into his house without leave from the Selectmen vpon penalty of paying ten shillings for every three dayes they shall entertaine such person or persons or family (to be levied by the counstable in case of refusall to pay.)

11th no (80)

At a Publik Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that the Towne would give vnto the Revd Mr. Moses ffiske thirty two pounds ten Shillings from 22 day of November $\frac{80}{81}$) vnto the first 2d day of March next insuing which will be in the yeare 81 And from the first second day mentioned a compleate yeare being ended they give for that yeare (81) ninty pounds in countrey pay at countrey prise In the 32lb : 10s above specified the vote was that the Towne should allow 10lb of the 32lb towards wood & reparations of fences.—

10th March 16 $\frac{80}{81}$ Tompson

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted on the affirmative that Mr. Benj Tompson should have for his sallery for keeping schoole this next yeare insuing the rent of the Towne land as formerly at 15lb & fifteen pounds by a Towne rate.

[28] No : 82 affirma.

It was voted at a Towne meeting that Edmund Quinsey uth the present Select men shall have full powere to call all the former counstables from the yeare 74 to give an account that is all that have not clered ther accounts uth the Selectmen And in case they refuse or doe it not to their satisfaction they have full power to prosecute them at the law, for the obtaining what is in their hands due to the Towne.

affirmta

It was voted that Mr. Benj Tompson Schoole master shall have for this present yeare 82. 15lb besides the rents of the Towne land.

affirmati 6th : No : 82

At the same time at a publike meeting it was voted that every proprietor in the Towne of Brantry that are Legally so by the Towne consent shall have & injoy all his owne lands & proprieties in the Towne ship of Brantry which they have bought & injoyed from the first being of the Towne unto this day all their Legall rights & titles to lands as their own proper right not wistanding any expression in or Indian Deed from Josiah Sachem.

1682–3 5th March

It was voted at a Publike Towne meeting that the psent selectmen which were chosen for this yeare insuing (83) are impowered to lett the Towne's land for the vse of the schoole at their best discretion not exceeding twelve yeares : if the schoole faile to be improved for the Towne's vse not exceeding one halfe to be broken up at once :

10th

It was voted the day abovesaid that their shall be allowed for the yeare ensuing to Mr. Benj Thompson his sallery besides the rent of the Towne land tenn pounds to be paid by an equall rate.

Covenants made & concluded Betwene Capt. Richard Brackit Leut Edmund Quinsey Samll Thompson Alexander March Christopher Web Selectmen of the Towne of Brantrie one the one Party, and Benja Thompson of the same Towne school master one the other Parites are as followeth Imper the Selectmen above mentioned being impowered by the sd Towne doe herby demise & to farm lett unto the sd Benja Thompson & his lawfull assignes. all the Townes meadow and vpland in tillage or Pastrage, the profitt wherof have been alloted to him the sd Tompson sinc he hath bine in the Towne's imploy To have and To hold the said meadow & vpland from the first of march last immediatly past till full twelve yeares thene inmediately insuing bee expired; as also all privilidges and appurtenances thereof to him the sd Thompson his lawfull assignes without any molestation let or hinderance Provided and it is hereby intended the said Benj Thompson or his agents or assignes shall not wast or cutt downe or export any wood more than is necessary for fencing, for the said land or any part thereof. Neither shall hee or his agent or Assignes till above one halfe of the above said land at once or in one yeare. ffor and in consideration of which grant, lease, priveledge, the said Benj Tompson bindeth himselfe together with his assignes to pay or cause to be payd to the Towne of Brantrey the full and just sume of fivetenne pounds annually to be reckoned as part of his salary while he shall continue in the Townes service. And in case the said Tompson doe by death or other accident relinquish the Townes servis he doth here bind his heires and ssuccessors to pay vnto the said Towne of Braintrey the above mentioned rent in current pay as corne or cattle at apprisall at the vsuall rates of [29] pay betwene man & man annually each yeare of the Lease whereto the above said parties have Interchangably signed to & sealed this and another of like tenure. Benj Tompson.

Memorand vpon secound considerations that tract of land one the other side of the ridge hill & joyning to Mr. Torrys is not in this Lease included but left to the Selectmen in their power still to dispose off they ordering the rent to the benifitt of the Schoole in Braintrey. ffuthermore it is to be vnderstood that their is noe more to be Broken vp but hath bine formorly & by necessary fenc is to be vnderstood of the outside fences & that in the fencing the fencers are to take care to cutt the smaller Brush or trees & leave the biger for grouth

which I shall endeaver to observe
Benj Tompson.

affirmative

It was voted the day above said that the Towne doe allow to the Revd Mr. Moses ffiske ninty pounds in the like specie for his

maintenance this present yeare 1683 that was given by the Towne the last yeare in two payments.

It was voted the same day 5th march 82–3 that Capt Rich Brackit Leut Edmund Quinsey & Deacon Samll Tompson were chosen a Committee to treat uth Boston Committee. about the Common lands in controversie & if they can obtaine the Six hundred Aceres beyound the mill common & Cachacha lands for the Towne of Brantrey then they to have full power to issue the differance about the said lands

Henry Neal & Joseph Crosby desired their dissent to be entered. —

12th Jan 1682.

It was voted at a Publike Towne meeting & agreed that Revd. Mr. Moses ffiske should have nintie pounds for this yeares maintenance, 40lb to be payd in money or else in current pay at moneys prise or prises following wheat 4s: Rye 3s: 6: barley mailte 3s Indian 2s: 6: porke 2d beife 1d$\frac{2}{1}$ And the other 50lb in Country pay at Country Prise the one halfe to be payd forthwith the other halfe when the Country rates are made. —

17th July 1683 affirmative.

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted that the present Selectmen together with Caleb Hubart and Joseph Crosby shall be a committee & be impowered by the Towne Braintrey to consider & act according to their best discretion wh may be most advisable in order to a transmission of a Authentike copie of the deed from Josiah Sachem according to his majesties order: And also to consider wh answer to send to the alegations in Rich Thayers Petition & to doe wh may be most conducable for the Townes safty in all the premises; to doe in behalfe of the Towne according to their best judgments, only the Towne to have a sight of wh is sent.

27 Octo. 79:

It was voted at a publike Towne meeting that Capt John Hull of Boston, he & his heires Administrators shall be granted & have the like interest in the deed that the Towne of Braintrey had of Josiah Sachem vnder his hand & seal for the securing all his or their lands in Brantrey formerly purchased to him & his heires for ever that all & every the inhabitants have of Brantrey for themselves and their heirs.

[30] 4th March 1682–3

At a Publike Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that ensigne Robt Tweles Jno ffrench Jr. Caleb Hubart Joseph Crosby & Christopher Web were chosen a committee to treat with and advise with Mr. John Hubart of Boston Leiut Samll White of Waymoth about their building a dam or dames on monotocutt River that the fish be not hindered from going up the River that offences & contention may be avoided for the future.

A Lease of Swamp Set to Timothy Winter.

This Indenture made the first of April One thousand Six hundred eighty & five Betwene Capt Edmund Quinsey Sam^{ll} Tompson Alexander Marsh John Ruggel & Christopher Web Selectmen for the Towne of Braintrey in behalfe of the said Towne being by them lawfully impowered one the one party: & Timothy Winter one the other party Wittnesseth That the s^{d} Edmund Quinsey and Sam^{ll} Tompson & the rest of the above said Selectmen have & by these presents doe sett & to farme lett vnto the said Timothy Winter a peice or parcel of Swamp land being in estimation about 12 acers or w^{t} the same shall prove to be wch swamp lyeth one the west side of the mill neere tothe way that leadeth from monotocutt Brooke to the Common. And is bounded with the land of John Savil formerly part of the land flowed with the mill pond on the northerstly part: & also where with the common lands belonging to Brantrey: together with such small corner of vpland as shall be convenient for the straighing & shorting of the fencing in the p^{r}mises:

To have & to hold the above Bargained p^{r}mises to the said Timothy Winter his heires executors, administrators & assignes for the full terme of & time of twenty Yeares from the day of the date of these presents: And the said Timothy Winter doth herby covenant & promise to & with the s^{d} Selectmen abovsaid & for himselfe his heires & assignes that he & they successivly shall cleene & subdue the s^{d} Swamp land within twelve yeares next insuing in such sort as shall make it conveniently movable & to pay for the last eight yeares of this lease to the Selectmen of or Towne of Braintrey three pounds per annum in corne at current prise as it passeth from man to man. And also that he will not sell any ofthe wood taken off ofthe premises so as the same shall be carryed out off the Towne And if the said Timothy Winter his heires executors, Administrators or assignes shall fayle to performe what is here by them covenanted & Agreed to in part or in whole it shall be lawfull for the Selectmen ofthe said Towne successively or such other person or persons as the said [31] Town shall apoint the premises to reenter & the same to have againe as formerly & the s^{d} Tenant his heires executors administrators thence to expell any thing in this Lease to the contray not withstanding.

In witness wherof the parties to these presents have interchangabley set their hands the day & yeare first above written. Signed & delivered in the P^{r}sence of

Memorandum it is agreed by & betweene the persons concerned in this lease that at ye end of the terme above s^{d} the s^{d} Winter or his assignes shall have the rofusals of the p^{r}mises at the prise another man will give.

Wittness Timothy Winter

John mills Senior

Stephen Payne

1685/6 1st. March Affirmative vote.
It was voted by the inhabitants of the Towne Brantrey at a Publike Towne meeting that Mr. Moses ffiske shall have as the last yeare 90lb that is 40lb in money or corne at money prise & 50lb at Countrey rates prise.

1st March 85/6 Voted one affirmative
At the same Publike meeting that Mr. John Hubart of Boston being at the charge of building monotocutt bridge vpon the country roade the Townes part being apointed by the County Court one 3d part it being compleated, they doe pass by the stoping of the fish at his dame now erected at his Iron works:

25th Octo 86:
At a generall Towne meeting the 25th of October 1686 It was voted one affirmative that the Rates wch are to be raised for Towne charge for this present yeare shall be made by the last yeares valuation made in (85)

25 Octo 86.
At the same generall Towne meeting it was voted one the affirmative that the Selectmen of Brantrey who was impowered by the Towne to let out the mill pond swamp it being let out to Timothy Winter they were impowered also by a vote of the Towne to let the sd Winter any corner of vpland joyning to the said Swamp for straightning of his fence according to his Lease.—

[32] 25th ffeb 1686/7
Know all men by these presents that I Timothy Winter now dwelling in the Towne of Brantrey doe acknowledge to have received of the counstables of the said Towne (in the County of Suffolke) by severall rates made by the Selectmen to defray the sd. Towne debt & according to their order to pay vnto the said Timothy Winter with the Towne cow wch he received of widow Scant by the Selectmen's order in full for his keeping dieting lodging & cloaths for Jacob Pool deceased for the whole time of his abode vnto his death & buriall I say received in full & doe really and fully acquitt the Towne & Selectmen of Brantrey. as witness my hand this 25 ffeb 86/7

Witnes Timothy Winter
Jos. Allen
Christopher Webb
John Mills

1686–7 March 7th.
At a Publike set day of all the Inhabitants convening together & there meet it was voted one affirmative that Christopher Webb Sr. Joseph Crosby & Wm Vezy should be a comittee for or in behalfe of the Towne of Brantrey in County of Suffolke and there invested them with full power to determine and make a finall issue with the gentln of Boston who hath made claime to some off the

Common Lands in the said Towne of Brantrey that have been incontrouvesy by a Loving treaty & complyance with them or otherwise by a prosecuting at law.
Capt Rich: Brackit his contrary discent.

19th. November 1687.

Deacon Samll Tompson & John Rugel Selectmen. Then in being came to the house of Edmund Quinsey & made complaint that severall persons was cutting downe the young growth of wood in or old common, and if their was noe speedy care taken many more would fall one and desired & severall other persons of the Inhabitants pleaded that the Inhabitant might be speedily requested to give the Selectmen a meeting to consider together what should be furder done to preserve the young wood upon or Common as some yeares past it has bine preserved by a vote of the Towne constraining. And vpon the 20th November 87 Joseph Parmiter came to the house of Edmund Quinsey then a Selectman & desired a few lines for direction to him to give notis to the Inhabitants that they were by the Selectmen requested to meet at Steven Paynes Sr house upon the 23d day at nine of the clock in the morning Then & their to conferre & consult what might be done for the good of the whole in preserving the young growth of wood in the common wch was threatened by some to cutt it downe whervpon notis being given by Joseph Parmiter many of the Inhabitants came together & did conferre [about] it and manyfested their dislike of cutting it down & some pressed for a division, vpon [33] wch a committee was chosen by a vote of Henry Neal John ffrench Sr. Joseph Peniman Christo Web Sr. Joseph Crosby should make a list of all wch they judged to have any true right to this old Common as the 1500 acres of Common.

And a Meeting was apointed vpon 28th of November following that they might give in their list wch done two of the Committee rose vp & declared they was not agreed among themselves; vpon wch many desired a vote might pass for the continuance of the wood & Common to be as formerly for the yeares next insuing or the Towne looke furder order: some did object agst such a vote & desired a division might be made But a vote passed by the major part of the inhabitants then present one the affirmative that the young wood should be preserved for this next yeares insuing in the old common & bounds set as the South Common above Martin Saunders so to monoticut all the young wood but pine should stand & the Common by the old mill & so to Babel brooke or swampe that runneth into Babel Brook from the head of that swamp vpon a straight line to the westward most Corner of Deacon Bass Plaine called the Captaine Plaine. And the vote that then passed one the affirmative vpon the 28th of November 87 was that all the young wood vpon these lands par fixed should be preserved & whosoever should attempt to cutt downe & carry away this young wood should pay three shillings four pence a tree for as many they should fell one halfe to the poore of the Towne & the other moiety a quarter to the enformer & a quarter to the committee chosen to take care about yr. sayd Common who was John

Cleverly Sam^{ll} Peniman Henry Neal S^{r}. Martin Saunders Sam^{ll} niels or any three of them may prosecutte agaist all those persons that shall Break this order & this vot to stand in force vntill furder order be taken by the Inhabitants concerned Butt befor the vote was given Christopher Web S^{r}. W^{m}. Vezy Nathaniel Wales John Saunders Benj Savel Joseph Allen Joseph Niels Zachariah Thayer Peter Scott Increase niles John Belcher Edmund Sheffeild desired to have their dissents entered.

The 20th May 1689.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey in the County Suffolke in the Mattathusetts Colony in New England being convened together to give their sentiments & minds about a present settlement of a Government in the s^{d} Colony vntill we shall receive order from the Crowne of England &c. It was then voted in the affirmative that o^{r} minds and requests are that the former Governeur & Deputy uth the Assistants, & Deputies of the Towne chosen and Sworne in 86 bee re-instated & have full power with the Representatives of the severall Townes present; to make choise out of the Honrd Counsel, or other gentlemen in o^{r} Colony to be Assistants untill further order be given we also declare that in case o^{r} Govener & Assistants doe not accept to be re-instated, That we give full power to Honord Counsel at Boston sitting, & o^{r} representatives, which we have sent to act for [34] us in all matters that shall come under present. consideration In behalfe of the peace safty & welfaire of o^{r} Colony Also voted that the Honrd Waitt still Winthrop bee major Generall of the Millitia of the Colony of the Mattathusetts Christopher Web S^{r}. & Joseph Crosby were chosen by the Inhabitants as their representitives for the Towne of Brantrey to meet the representitives of the rest of the Townes at Boston one 22th of this Instant may with full power to act as above expressed for the Towne &c.

It was voted by the Inhabitants that Capt Edmund Quinsey should Signe o^{r} returne of the names of the representitives & the order theirin given them In the name of the Inhabitants.

4th June 89.

It being signified by Isaac Addington clerke that the councill of safty & preservation of the Peace of the people desired the Representitives of the Townes & villages of the mattathusetts Colony should convene together at Boston to consult wh the Counsel sitting in Boston 5th of this Instant June about the emergencies that came vnder consideration; ther was chosen Christopher Web S^{r}. by the voyce of the Assembly meet for their representitive.

It was also voted one the Affirmative that Samuel Speere should build a litle house 7 foote long & 5 foot wide & set it by his house to secure his Sister good wife Witty being distracted & provide for her & the Towne by vote ingaged to see him wel payed & sattisfied uth shall be thought reasonable.

30th December 1689

At a Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Brantrey It was

voted one the affirmative that a Rate should be made of four score pounds, one halfe in or as money; and the other halfe in current country pay at the country prise The Selectmen to pprotion every man according to the valuation for the country rates, and each man paying his proportion hervnto he shall be discharged; and shall not be liable to pay any part vnpaid by other mens default, which is for Mr. Moses ffiskes labour for the year (89) and the arreares to be gathered by the Counstable by warrant by the Selectmen.

Samuel Tompson Junr. dessenting.

[35] 16$\frac{89}{90}$

At a Publike Towne meeting of the Inhabitants of Brantrey as by Record the 3th March 16$\frac{89}{90}$ It was voted one the affirmative That Mr. Benjamin Thompson should have tenn pounds of country pay allowed out of a Towne Rate for this next year insuing besides the Towne land rent wch is now in his hands in case he keep the School carfully for this present yeare (90) at the Country prise corne & all other pay accordingly & doe accept what is now promised vpon his good attendance of the youth

Also Deacon Samuel Tompson chosen clerke of the writts in case accepted of the County Court.

Also voted one affirmative That Jno Inyon shall be provided for by a Towne Rate.

James Brackitt chosen clerke or sealer of weights & measures.

1690 3rd November

Publik warning being given by or counstables to the whole Inhabitants of Brantrey to meet together at eight of the clock in the morning at the meeting house vpon the 3d day of November 1690 being come together by one or two of the clocke the occasion of the convening was related by the Selectmen to vnderstand the minds of the Inhabitants what they would allow Mr. Moses ffiske for his salary this yeare(90) and after some debate it was voted one the affirmative they would allow eighty pounds forty in money or as money & forty in country pay at the present country prise And eah man or Inhabitant paying his pportion set downe by rate by or Selectmen; it being payd as above said to Mr. ffiske or by his order; he shall have his discharge and shall not be liable to pay any part of the said sum unpayd by others neglect And all arreares to be speedyly gathered in by the counstables by warrant given by or Selectmen.

Samuel Tompson Junr. disenting

Voted also that Mr. Benj Tompson should have three pounds more by rate for this yeare 1690 aded to the tenn pounds voted last March 3th $\frac{89}{90}$

Voted that Alexander March & Joseph Crosby are impowered by the Towne of Brantrey to take & make vp accounts uth the late counstables Joseph Adams & Dependanc french of the arreares of. the Towne rates committed to them to gather in for the Towne of Brantreys vse

All voted at the Instant meeting 3d November 1690.

[36] 2th March 16$\frac{90}{91}$.

At a Publike Towne meeting the Inhabitants of the Towne being convened together for their choise of their Selectmen & Counstables.

It was voted one the affirmative that the Pastour Mr. Moses ffiske should have for this yeare insuing 1691 the full sum of eighty pounds one halfe in money or moneys worth & the other halfe in Country pay at Country prise for his yeares Salary.

Wm Copeland } dissenting
Samll. Tompson Junr. }

It was also voted one the affirmative that Mr. Benja Tompson should have fifteene pounds allowed him by a rate in Country pay for this yeare insuing 1691 to keep the school in Brantrey

March 6th 16$\frac{3}{92}$

At a Publick Towne meeting the inhabitants of the Towne of Brantrey being convened for the chois of Towne ofisers they then chos first a Towne clark Samuell Tompson Senior for Selectmen they chos for this year 1693

Alexander Marsh
John Baxter
Joseph Peniman
Nathaniel Wals
Joseph alenn

Comisioner — ensighn (Samuel Peniman

Constables { John Webb, Samuel Payne

Tithingmen { Caleb Hubortt, Thomas White, Martin Sanders, Samuel Savill, Theophilus Curtis

Surveyers of highways { Nehemiah hayden, John french, John Rugles Juneor, Jos. Adams Senior

[37] Vewors of fences for the year 1369

for manaticutt — Corporall John Lamb
Dependance french

for the fore feild — Peter Nucom
Samuel Nucom

for the Stony feild — Samuel Bas carpenter
Joseph Bas iunior

for the farm feild — John Bas iunior
beniamin neal

It was voted also in the affirmative that our pastor Mr. Moses fiscks salary for this yeare for his labors amonge us should bee eighty pounds in or as mony in the yeare 1693

Samuel Tompson Junr. disenting

It was voted also that Mr. beniamin should have tenn pounds

alowed him towards his keeping the scool for the yeare 1693 besides the rent of the Town lands which is to be payd in curant contry pay.

seaters of the meeting hous

Voted that the present Selectmen chos for the yeare 93 and caleb hubortt Samuel Peniman decon parmitor and Thomas Bass and Samuel Tompson are chosen to seat the meeting hous by apointing persons to ther places. —

It was further voted that the present Selectmen ar impoored by the Town to make orders for the Town for the yeare 1693 for the making vp of fencis fetering of horsis and hors kind yoking and wringing of swine and by making orders to restrain sheep by puting them to a keeper or keepers.

John Baxter Senior was chose ther representative that yeare.

[38] March the 5th. 169$\frac{4}{3}$.

The inhabitants of Brantree being then convenned they then vooted on the afirmative that ther Riverenced minister Mr. Moses fiscke should have eighty pounds in or as mony for his salery for this year 1694.

Samuel Tompson Junr. disenting.

Also it was voted on the affirmative that Mr. beniamin Tompson should have tenn pounds in or as money besides the rent of the Town land for his salary for keeping the scool in Brantree in this year 1694.

Samuel french and Thomas french desented herto.

for Selectmen for this year they chos then { levtenant marsh, Ensighn Peniman, Caleb hubord, beniamin Savill, John Rugles Senior }

for town clerk Samuel Tompson Senior

for comisioner John Baxter Senior

for constables { Samuel french, John Rugles Junior }

for vewors of fencis for the town. { Solomon Veasey, Joseph Bass Juneor }

for monaticut { Samuel Bas cooper, John Copland }

Surveyors of high wayes for Monaticutt { Samuel payn, Thomas french }

for the Town { Thomas bass, Joseph Neal }

haywards or feild drivers for manaticutt { Jonathan howord, Ephraim thayer }

for the Town { Peter Nucom, beniamin Neale }

[39] April 25. 1694.

the fre holders of the Town being caled together to chose a Representative for the Town for the year 1694 they then chose

Caleb Hubord to be ther Representative to serv at the grat and general Court this yeare they then also chos four tithing men for this present year that was Nathaniel Wales and John french and Samuel Savill and Samuel Payne. and to look after horsis which goe in the comon they chos gregory Belchor and dependanc french. James Brackitt was chosen the seler of waights and mesurs the same day. —

The freeholders of the Town of Brantry being called together by an order from the tresurer to choos asessors for the Town of Brantry and being called together agreed to choos butt three and they that were chosen then were John Rugles senior John cleverly senior and Wiliam Veasey vpon the 16 of July 1694.

The Town of Brantry or the legall freeholders therof being called together vpon the 24th of December 1694 they voted then on the afirmative five pounds for John belshers widows maintenance and thirty shiling to Thomas Revill for keeping Wiliam Dimblebee and twenty five shilings for the ringing of the bel and sweping the meeting hous in the year 1694 and eight shilings for mending the pound seven shilings to Wiliam Savill for dimblebes cofin and eight shilings to constables for warning the Town and five shilings for the exchang of a Town cow to Samuel speer and ten shilings to Thomas bas for dept fo ringing the bell formerly this tobe raised by rate

[40] March the 4th. 169$\frac{5}{4}$.

The inhabitants of the Towne of Brantry being convened together at a generall Town meeting day apointed to choos Town ofisers & transact publick afayres they then chose for the present year 1695.

Caleb hubord
John Rugles senior
Levtenant Alexander Marsh
ensighn Samuel Peniman
seriant beniamin savill
Selectmen.

The constables were then chosen also and they are.

Joseph Crosby
and gregory belshar

they then chos & voted as followeth.

John Rugles Senior Wiliam veasey and theophilus curtis are a comittee chosen to lett & set all the Towns lands and medow comonly caled the scool lands not exceeding twelv years as they shall see meet ofering it first to any of the Town and not to admitt of the cutting of any wood. this is tobe understood that the land in Mr. fisks improvment is not included hearin and the rest of it is to bee to the use of the Town and its not to be tilled above half at onst. —

Joseph Parmiter was chosen Town tresurer for the same year 1695.

Samuel Tompson senior was also chosen Town clerck for the same year.

Tithing men for the present year 95 were Levtenant John Baxter Martin Sanders and Joseph alen. —

Surveyers for high wayes were Levtenant Cleverly and Beniamin Neal, and Dependanc french and Jonathan padlefoot.

[41] Also the vewers of fencis for the same year John Bas Senior Seriant James Bracket Seriant John french & Thomas thayre.

And for howords or feeld drivers for the same year 1695 they chos

John Baxtor Juneor and Nathaniel Speer and Samuel Bas cooper and Wiliam hayword

March the 4th 1695.

It was voted at a Town meeting that wee agreed to goe to contribution every Saboth and if Mr. fisk see caus to take vp with what is so given he shall have it all but if not wee ingage that if the contribution fall short of eighty pounds mony we will make it vp at the yeares end and if it be over and above it shall goe tothe vse of the Town and that every man shall give an account to the decons what they gave in. —

It is agreed by the Town vpon the 4th of March 169$\frac{5}{4}$ that the present Selectmen are impowered by the Town to rate the Town for the ringing the bell & sweeping the meeting hous and for the maintaining the nesesitous poor of the Towne that have noe estate of ther own and for the mending of the pound and stocks as they see meet or at ther discretion or runing the line from Town to Towne if it be reqwired

The freeholders of the Town of Brantree vpon being caled together the 13 of may 1695 to choos a Representative for to serv at the generall asembly for the year 1695 they then chose Mr. William Rawson as ther Representative for this yeare. —

[42] August 15th. Anno 1695

Mr. John Wilson was chosen commissioner for the towne of Brantry. —

Benjamin Tompson was chosen Clarke who 16th of August 1695 : tooke the clarkes oath before Coll Edmond Quinsey and received at his hand the two Books of towne Records. —

November Anno Domini 1695

The inhabitants of Brantry being convened together at a generall Towne meeting, to transact concerning the Meeting house &c.

Voted Hon^rd Col. Edmond Quinsey Moderatr His Hon^r withdrawing homewards

The Inhabitants voted Ensigne Samuel Peniman Moderatr

It being then proposed by the inhabitants whither the present meeting house in Brantry should bee repaired, or another Built

It was then voted that a new meeting House should bee erected or Built. —

A second vote was that Mr. Caleb Hubbard and Benjamin Savel

should bee a Committee to repaire and stoppe the Leaks in the south side of the meeting house for the present.

Benj: Tompson
Cleric Brantreesen

[43] 21. 11th. 169$\frac{5}{6}$

Received of John Ruggle Junr. and Samuel French Constables of the towne of Brantry for the yeare 1694 the full and just summe of ten pounds as money by vertue of a towne vote to mee as part of salary for my service.

By mee Benjamin Tompson

Boston March 27. 95

Received of Mr. John Ruggles and Samuel French constables of Brantry, ninety pounds twelve shillings and two pence in part of a warrant amounting to ninety one pounds twelve shillings and two pence I say Received — for Mr. James Taylor treasurer.

Vera copia B T Clerg. ℘ Jer: Allen
Brantry

Boston: Jany: 8th. 1695

Received of Mr. John Ruggles and Samuel French Constables of Brantry twenty Shillings by a wolfe in full of two warrants amounting to twenty one pounds twelve Shillings and two pence I say Received for Mr. Samuel Taylor treasurer

Vera Copia B T Clerg ℘ Joseph Allen
Brantry ℘ Jer: Allen

Received of Mr Samuel French constable of Brantry, twenty pounds ten pence, in full of a warrant for twenty pounds ten pence I say Received for Mr. James Taylr Treasurer.

vera copia B T Clerg ℘ James Allen
Brantrey

[44] Boston Nov. 20th. 1694.

Recd of Mr John Ruggles Junr Coryea: of Brantry twenty pounds in full of a warrant for twenty pounds I say Received for Mr James Taylr Treasurer.

Vera copia ℘ Jos: Allen
℘ Jer: Allen

B Tompson
Clerg: Brantreensy

March 2d: 169$\frac{5}{6}$

At a publiqe meeting of the Towne the inhabitants being convened chose Col: Edmund Quinsey Moderatr:

Benjamin Tompson voted towne cllerk for the instant yeare 169$\frac{4}{6}$–169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Selectmen for this yeare were voted Mr. Caleb Hubbard, Lievt: Alexander Marsh Ensign Samuel Penniman: Mr. John Baxter Deacon Nathaniel Wales were for the yeare 1696.

March 2d 169⅚

Joseph Bass Junir and Jonathan Paddlefort were voted constables for the year 1696

Joseph Parmenter was voted Treasurer for the towne for the yeare 1696

March 2d 169⅚.

William Savel, Solomon Veazy, Samuel Bass Junir., Jonathan Hayward were chosen Surveyors for Highways for 1696.

[45] March 2d. 169⅚.

Joseph Allin, James Brackett, Samuel Savel, Nehemiah Heyden were chosen Tithingmen for the yeare 1696

March 2d. 169⅚.

Benjamin Savel, Peter Newcomb. Thomas Copeland. Samuel French were chosen for the viewers of fences for the year 1696.

Field drivers John Bass Junir: Josiah Faxon, William Copeland, John Sanders for the year 1696.

March 2d. 169⅚

The inhabitants of the towne of Brantrey as above sd convened And proposals made for the Reverend Mr. Moses Fiske his maintenance in his office of the ministry. It was voted that it should bee by a free contribution.

March 2d 169⅚.

It was voted by the inhabitants of Brantrey convened that Mr. Benjamin Tompson having many years kept a grammer School in the sd Towne: should besid the incomes ofthe towne land, and Rents thereof have ten pounds added by way of Salary for keeping the grammer School for the yeare 1696. Hee acquitting and fully discharging the towne from all former debts or arrearages to this day on that account Excepting what hee may or can obtaine in any ofthe Rates or Constables hands, which is yet due.

Benjamin Thompson entered dissent

Against those two votes Nehemiah Heydon Dependance French, Samuel French: Jonathan Padlefoot Monotoguod men entred dissent

Voted at the same day That the Selectmen shall have power to make orders concerning Horses and Cattle taken doing damage within the Towne bounds: 1696.

In fields pastures meadow, or in the high ways without Fetters The owners thereof shall pay five Shillings and all Damages. On horses Ridden into fields, and not tedered in the owners ground shall pay 5 Shillings to them that take them up and all damages.

[46] March 2d: 169⅚

At a Publiqe towne meeting Lawfully convened, It was voted that the Selectmen Chosen for the yeare 1696 shall have power

forthwith to repaire the present School house, And adde it tothe further charge of the towne of Brantry. —

March 2d. 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Voted by the inhabitants of Brantry orderly convend That Samuel French and Gregory Belchar for this year were to see to the observance of the aforesd Act against or Relating to horses, and to prosecute the breakers therof as the law directs. Every housholder shall repaire to the towne Clerk and make entry ofthe number and marke of their horses, and pay three pence tothe Clerk, Every horse notso entered by the tenth of April next shall pay 10 Shillings for his neglect, and five shillings ꝑ year for going inthe comon.

Noe person shall have liberty to put bit on horse kind in our commons but such persons as are ratable for fivety pounds estate, may have two and no persons shall have more but what are payd for tothe proprietors: this is or Law concerning horses and horse kind.

July 27: 1696.

At a Publiqe towne meeting lawfully convened To chuse Assessors they refused to chuse new ones: And left that mater with the Selectmen instant. —

2d August 1697.

At a publiqe Towne meeting of the inhabitants of Brantry being orderly and lawfully convened Lievt John Baxter was voted moderate for that time

August: 2d: 1697:

The Towne of Brantrey lawfully convend, voted unto Col: Edmund Quinsey five pounds for former service at Court as Representative of which good part hath beene already payd. —

August 2d: 1697:

The inhabitants of the towne of Brantry orderly convened voted to Mr. Nathaniel Wales six pounds for serving the towne as Representative: Anno: 1696.

[47] August 2: 1697:

It was voted by the inhabitants of Brantry lawfully convened that Mr. William Rawson should have six pounds payd him, for his serving the towne as Representative: Anno: 1695.

August 2: 1697:

Voted by the inhabitants of Brantry freeholders that Reverend Mr. Moses Fiske should have ninety pounds in and as money by the same Rate the Country Rates are gathered: wch The Selectmen are to issue writts for to the Constable: It being forhis salary this instant yeare. —

August: 2: 1697:
Voted that ten pounds Money should bee collected and payd to M^r. Benj: Tompson for part ofhis salary this instant yeare.

August: 2: 1697:
It was voted by the inhabitants of Brantry lawfully convened: That seven pound eighteen Shillings bee payd out of the towne stock or treasure to the present Selectmen: for money by them disbursed for powder for the use of the Towne. —

August: 2: 1697:
Voted by Brantry inhabitants freeholders: the sum of thirty shillings for Ringing the Bell: &c.

August: 2: 1697:
Voted at the same time to Samuel Belchar for looking after the boyes at Meeting: 10 shilling
John Bass: The. Curtis: Sam. Tompson: dissented.

August. 2: 1697:
The towne voted: 8 shillings for charges concerning old widow Niel:

August 2: 1697:
The inhabitants of Brantry freeholders orderly convened: voted five pounds for the healing of Abigail Neal, now underhand: And have voted Joseph Parmeter, and John Mills, to transport, and take care of her.

August: 2: 1697:
The towne voted to Joseph Parmeter as treasurer and former services: Twenty Shillings. —

[48] August: 2: 1697:
The inhabitants of Brantry freeholders lawfully convened voted John Ruggles Senr. fourty Shillings for serving the towne as representative. Anno 1697. —

August: 2: 1697:
The inhabitants of Brantry freeholders orderly convened chose commissioners for the collecting and improving of any legacy to the free school of Brantry, and the benefit therof And M^r. Caleb Hubburd M^r. William Rawson, and John Mills vintnor were voted commissioners for the collecting and improving of any legacys for the Repairing and benefit of the School afores^d.
Anno D: 1697. —

October: 22. 1697.
At a publick towne meeting of the freeholders of the towne of Brantry, convened by warrant from the Selectmen Lievt John Baxtor, was voted Moderat^r.

October. 22. 1697.

Voted then that a new School house should bee built in the Road between Clement Cox his house and Gregory Belchars, hard by the white oake tree: The dimensions of the house to bee twenty foot long the width sixteen foot: and seven foot between joynts.

October 22. 1697.

Voted then that Mr. Caleb Hubbard bee added to the Selectmen in being to erect and finish the said School house: And Rate to bee made in order therunto: And the house to bee finished with all convenient speed.

October 22. 1697.

Voted then that a Committee bee chosen to seate or place persons at the meeting house.

John French, Samuel French: Lievt: Niel. Jonathan Padleford: entred dissent at alterations.

Deacon Thomas Bass Lievt. John Baxter, Deacon Nathaniel Wales, Ensign Samuel Peniman and a Rate made not exceeding five pounds, to bee made and Collected with money for the meeting house in order therunto by the Selectmen. —

[49] October 22. 1697.

Voted at the same time that upon the drawing up or uniting the mens seats with the womens in the present alley. Any Roome being left after alterations inthe meeting house any person with consent of the Committee *Select*men may at their own proper charges mak pews for themselves and familys. —

October 22. 1697.

Voted also at the same time that Mr. William Rawson should have priviledge of making a seate for his familie, between or upon the two beams over the pulpit, not darkening the pulpit.

Brantry. Novembr. 1697.

At a publiqe towne meeting of the ffreeholders of the towne of Brantry, convened by warrant Mr. Caleb Hubbard was voted Moderatr.

Then it was voted by them that the present Selectmen, should bee assessors of the Towne of the summons proportioned, and set upon them by the act of the Great and Generall Court last past, and that after the same form that the last assessment was for the Country.

Voted also at the same towne that Mr. Benjamin Tompson should have liberty to Cutt downe and export Ten. cords of wood upon and from the towne — School and upon Sheds Neck — hee paying two shillings six pence ℔ cord: to the Selectmen for the School use.

The present Selectmen directing where it may bee least damage.

[50] Brantry: 10th: January 169⅞.

Then agreed by the freeholders of Brantry the Subscribers hereunto That wheras there are some persons of Boston that make some claime or pretensions, to some lands, in our Towneship of Brantry aforesaid, and now in our possession by Running of Bounds —

We the subscribers inhabitants of the sd Towne doe therfore mutually agree to defend our ancient Rights and will oppose in a course of Law, those and all those that shall by any means, disturbe, molest indeavour to disposesse, any of the sd inhabitants of sd Lands as aforesd, and do promise and engage, each to the other, that wee will defray, all such charges as shall arise, by any such suite or suites concerning the same. As witnesse our hands the day and yeare above written.

Peter Webb
Lievt. John Baxter
Mr. Caleb Hubbard
Martin Sanders
Joseph Arnold
Joseph Penniman Sen.
Ensign William Veazy
Ensign Samuel Peniman
John French
Samuel Paine
Dependance French
Solomon Veazy
Joseph Allen
Lievt. Samuel Niel
John Marshal
Benjamin Savel
William Nightingal
Thomas White Senr.
Jonathan Padleforth
Peter Newcomb
Samuel Speer
John Thayer
Joseph Penniman Senr.
Nehemiah Heyden
Joseph Adams
Jonathan Hayward
Nathaniel Spier
Henry Crane
Samuel Bilchar
Clement Cock
Thomas Holbrook
Thomas Copeland
Nathaniel Owen
John Cleverly
Josiah Owen
Theophilus Curtis
Thomas French
John Hollis
William Linsfield
Edward Derby
Ebenezer Thayer
Samuel Basse—Cooper
Samuel Baxter
Thomas White
Benjamin Neal
John Copeland
William Copeland Jr.
Samuel Basse — Carpenr
John Newcomb Senr
John Basse Junr
John Basse Senr
Peter Adams
Simon Briant
Cap. Saml White ℘ Speciall order
Samuel White Junr
Josiah Hubbart
Nathaniel Thayer
Cornelius Thayer
Samuel Thayer
Joseph Neal
Samuel Savell
John Baxter Jun:
Benjamin Webb
Benj: Tompson
Joseph Parmenter
Ebenezer Speare
John Payne
Samuel Penniman
Benja. Hobart.

[51] Brantry March: the 7th. 169⅞

The inhabitants of Brantry freeholders beeing by the Constable warned to assemble as is usuall annually And being lawfully convened. — Made choice by vote of M Caleb Hubbard to bee Moderator at that time.

March 7. 169⅞. —

The inhabitants of Brantry lawfully convened chose Mr. Benjamin Tompson Towne Clerk. —

The inhabitants of Brantry chose Mr. Caleb Hubbard, John Ruggle. Senior, Nathaniel Wales, Ensign Samuel Penniman, Benamin Savel, Selectmen for this instant yeare. —

March 7th: 169⅞

The freeholders inhabitants of Brantry voted Mr. William Rawson and Thomas French Constables for the towne.

March 7th: 169⅞

Martin Sanders, Samuel Payne, John Copeland, Samuel Bass, Carpenter were voted tithing men.

March 7th: 169⅞

John Cleverly, Gregory Belchar, Ebenezer Thayer, Thomas Holbrooke, were voted by the freeholders of Brantry Surveyors of highways.

March 7th. 169⅞. —

Peter Newcomb, Benjamin Neal, Thomas Thayer Richard Thayer were by the freeholders of Brantry voted ffence viewers.

James Brackett Sealer of weights & measures.

Joseph Parmetar Towne Treasurer. —

[53] March 7th: 169⅞. —

The freeholders inhabitants. of the towne of Brantry voted to Mr. Benjamin Tompson Their present Grammer School Maister besides the Revennues of the School lands as formerly the sume of Ten pounds money for his service for the whole yeare instant and proportionably for any part therof. —

It was then and there voted that the old school house should bee removed to the place allotted at a former towne meeting Oct 22d 1697 or on the land of The ffrenches if attainable or neere to the best conveniency.

I was absent at the close of this vote

June 27th: 1698.

The ffreeholders inhabitants of the towne of Brantry being orderly and lawfully convened chose Mr. Caleb Hubbard Moderatr.

They then voted as followeth, viz.

Wheras there are some persons of Boston that make some claime or pretension to some lands in our Township of Brantry, and now in our possession, They having sued Thomas Thayer and Cornelius Thayer.

We doe therfore agree mutually to defend our ancient Rights, and will oppose in a course of Law, those & all those, that shall by any means disturb, molest indeavour to disposesse, any of the sd. inhabitants of the sd Lands, as aforesd, and do promise and engage that wee will defray all such charges, as shall arise by any such suit or suits concerning the same And have made choice of our loving friends Mr. Caleb Hubbard Lievt John Baxter: William Veazy, John Mills To doe all such thing or things, in the law, as to them shall seem meet In our name and [54] stead as the circumstances of that affair may require: [ ]

John Ruggle Sen: and James Brackett entred dissent.

Voted at the same time that Moneys necessary for the manag-

ment, ofthe abovementioned affair e bee raised upon the heads of Brantry ffreeholders.

Samuel Belchar } entred dissent.
James Puffer }

Mem: Peter Webb delivered the indian deed into the hands of Mr. C Hubbard Moderate.

November: 18th 1698.

The inhabitant freeholders of Brantry being convened by warrant to treat of towne affairs voted Lievt: John Baxter Moderator

March 1st. 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Voted by the freeholders of Brantry, that Revd. Mr. Moses ffisk should have a stated Salary of ninety pounds ℔ annum in or as money each year yearly as long as he should performe the worke of the Ministry in Brantry, The sd Moses ffisk discharging the Towne of old arrearages: Except such single persons who are able to pay, what is due formerly upon a faire accompt.

Solomon Veazy } entred dissent
Samuel Tompson }

March 1st 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

by the freeholders of Brantry convened orderly voted That Mr. Benjamin Tompson should have ten pounds money besides the Rent of the towne lands and Meadow for keeping school. Benj: Tompson, Clerk of ye towne of Brantry

These are entered inthe Selectmens booke and agree witniss my hand: Dec 5th: 1698.

[55] Brantry March the 6th. 169$\frac{8}{9}$:

At a Publiqe meeting ofthe Towne. the inhabitants being convened made choice by vote of Captain John Wilson to bee Moderator at that time.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Lawfully Convened yn Chose Joseph Parmentor Towne Clerk for that year.

Next, Then voted that The persons be trusted about the Common Lands should goe on with theire action with Boston men: if called to it.

March 7. 9$\frac{8}{9}$

They then chose Theophilus Curtis, William Savel Joseph Adams John Webb and Joseph Neale Selectmen. —

For Constables — Ebenezer Thayer & John Marshall.

[56] March 7. 9$\frac{8}{9}$

The Surveyors then voted were as followes.

for the Town: Peter Newcomb & John Mills for Manatiquod, Joseph Allin & Samuel Bass, Cooper for viewors of ffences for the fence Field in the Towne Joseph Peniman Sr. and James Puffer: for the farme Field Samuel Belcher & Nathaniel Speare:

for Perticuler ffences there were then chosen and voted for ye Towne: Liev^t^ John Baxter & Benja: Savel for Monatiquod: M^r^. Caleb Hobart. & Deacon Nathan^ll^ Wales.
Field drivers for the Towne. Sam^ll^ Baxter & Peter Adams for Menatiquod: John Copeland & Josiah Hobart, Tithing men for the Towne were.

Ensign Benjamin Savel
& Moses Payne.
for Menatiquod — Dependance french & Thomas Thayer

March 7: 9$\frac{8}{9}$.
The Inhabitants of sayd Towne Then also chose James Bracket Sealear of waights & measures. And Joseph Parmenter Town Treaso^r^
It was then also voted that assessors should be chosen.
Then voted that the Selectmen should draw up a buy Law against horses running unfettered & doing damages. and carry the same to His MaJestyss Court of Quarter Sessions in Boston for Their approbation and confirmation therof.

[57] March 7 9$\frac{8}{9}$
Voted at the same time that the Towne shall have a grammer school master as also that the present school house shall not bee removed: and that a new one should bee built)
To this Last vote william veazey and Solomon Veazey John Mills & Sam^ll^ Tompson dissented:.

March 7. 9$\frac{8}{9}$
on the same day it was then likewise voted: that Joseph Parmenter should have eighteen shillings & five pence money for serveing the Towne as Towne Treasu^r^: there being so much due to the Town in his hand:

Braintree may y^e^ 15th. 1699.
At a Publick meeting of the Town y^e^ Inhabitants being convened made choice of Captain John Wilson to be moderator at that time

May 15th. 1699.
M^r^. Caleb Hobart Deacon Nathaniel Wales. Lievt Samuel Peniman Ensigne Benjamin Savel. Serjeant James Bracket were chosen to erect & finnish a new Schoole House.
Then also voted that the said Schoole House should be built in ye Road, between Clement Cocks house & Gregory Belchers, hard by the White oak Tree the dimentions of the house to be Twenty foot long Sixteen foot wide. and Seven foot between Joynts

[58] May 15th. 1699.
Voted that a Rate be made (by the Selectmen in beeing) in order to the building said Schoole House. & that it bee finnished with all convenient Speed.

Then also voted that the old school house should be Sould

May 15th. 1699

Voted that Captain Wilson be added to the Selectmen in beeing to treat & agree with a gramer School master.

Voted that the Selectmen in being shall treat with Josiah Owen about Ebenezor Owens destracted daughter and give him Twenty pounds money provided he gives bond under his hand to cleare the Town (for ever of said girle: Ten pounds of said summe to be payd him at the first yeares end & five pounds ℔ annum: the two following yeares successively. —

May 15th 1699

Voted that persons liveing remote shall have leave & liberty (upon there own cost & charge) to erect & build a shed or sheds (neare the meeting house) for to set & secure their horses in: and that the Selectmen now in being or that here after may bee from year to yeare sucsessively are hereby impowered to order out such places to said persons as may be most beneficiall & least detrementall

Then also voted that Benjamin Webb should have ye improvement of ye old School House untill the next publiqe Town meeting.

Braintrey. August. 15 1699.

At a Publick meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town they being assembled by warrant to ye Constables under the hands of the Selectmen bareing date Aug 9th 1699: They then chose the Selectmen in being assessors for this yeare: —

August ye 18th. 1699. —

Mr. Nathaniel Eells Came to Braintree as their Town Schoolmaster

November 24th. 1699.

The inhabitants of Braintree being Asembled by warrant to the Constables under the hands of the Selectmen bareing date 17 Novembr 1699

They then chose Deacon Nathaniel Wales Moderator for that time.

[59] November 24. 1699.

Then voted by the Inhabitants of Braintrey as followeth.

That Wheras there are some Persons of Boston that make some claime or pretention to some lands in our Township of Brantree and now in our possession, we doe therefore agree mutually to defend our ancient rights & will oppose in a course of Law those & all those that shall by any meanes disturb molest or indeavor to dispossess any of ye said inhabitants of ye said lands as aforesaid and doe promise and ingage that we will defray all such charges as shall arise by any such suit or suits concerning the same

At the same time also T was voted that a rate be made forthwith of three shillings per head & committed to the constables to

gather and to be delivered unto Lv^{t} John Baxter for ye defraying ye charges which may arise in defending ye lands in Contriversy as also that the Selectmen shall give a warrant to the constables to make destress upon any such person as shall refuse to pay ye same.

Novemb^{r}. 24. 1699.

ye Inhabitants of ye Town aforesaid made choice of M^{r}. Caleb Hobart Lv^{t} John Baxter William Veasey and John Mills to doe such thing or things in the law as to them shall se meet. in ye name & stead of ye Town as ye circomstance of that affair may require Them or any or either of Them

[60] Novemb^{r}. 24 : 99.

Ther also voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree that Whereas at a Town meeting March 4th. 1694 : John Ruggle William Veasey and Theophilus Curtis were apointed a Committe to lett & sett all the Towns lands & meadows comanly called ye School lands as they should se meet not exseeding. Twelve yeares and the rent of it to the use of the Town that the rent of the Lands aforesaid should be paid unto ye Town Treaso^{r} for the use of the present School

Braintree December the 27th. 1699 : —

At a Publick Town meeting lawfully convened the Inhabitants then chose Captain John Wilson There moderator.

Twas voted likewise then that John Marshall and Ebenezer Thayer who were then the constables in being should have Three shillings ꝑ piece for gathering the last Rate committed to them which was for defending ye Towns Right agst Boston men.

December 27. 1699.

They then also voted that M^{r}. William Rawson for himselfe his heires executors & Administrators should be wholly freed from all charge or charges that may or shall arise at any time or times hereafter as to the Lands in Contriversy between Boston and Braintree upon condition that the said M^{r}. William Rawson doe for himselfe his heires executors & administrators relinquish all his & their right Title interest to or in said lands to the Town aforesaid :

To which vote (as above said) M^{r}. William Rawson subscribed the 15th. day January 1699. William Rawson.

Attest Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk

[61] January y^{e} 15th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$

At a Publicke Town meeting Lawfully convened the Inhabitants of Braintree chose by vote Captain John Wilson there Moderat^{r} for that time. —

January 15th : 1$\frac{699}{700}$

Then voted that John Boudige for himselfe his heires Executors & administ^{rs}. should be wholly freed from all charge or

charges that may or shall arise at any time or times hereafter as to the lands in Contriversy between Boston and Braintree upon condition that the said John Boudige doe for himselfe his heires executors & administ^{rs} relinquish all his & their right Title Interest to or in said land to y^{e} Town aforesaid. —

January 15th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.
Whereas y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree at a Publick Town meeting Lawfully convened the 24 of November 1699 voted that they would mutually defend their anciant Rights as to the lands in Contriversy between Boston and Braintree; In Consideration whereof it is now voted by y^{e} Inhabitants of said Town that all & every Inhabitant in said Town now assessed & paying from time to time alike in said charge or charges that has or may arise thereby shall have & injoy there equall proportion of said lands if obtained, either in quantitye or quallity & set out to them allwayes excepting mens perticuler propriety.
Against this vote: John Ruggle Senior and Jonathan Hayward entred there dissent. —

Jan. 15. 1$\frac{699}{700}$
Then voted by y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened that Lvt Coll: Hunt Captain John Wilson & Lv^{t} John Baxter be a committe impowered to treat & agree with Boston Gentlemen in behalfe of y^{e} Town of Braintree about the lands in Contriversy between Boston & them. but in case they doe not Agree Then that Lv^{t} Coll Hunt & Captain Wilson Joyn with y^{e} other committee to Prosecute them in Law —

[62] 15th Jan. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.
The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened voted that the Town would stand by y^{e} Persons who have y^{e} Towns Lands Leased to them in defending them from M^{r}. Tompson (their late Schoolmaster) they paying the Rents of said Lands to the Town Treas^{or}. for y^{e} use of y^{e} present school

15 Jan 1$\frac{699}{700}$
Then voted also that all persons should cease & forbare cutting & carting wood from off y^{e} Lands now in Contriversy between Boston & Braintree untill y^{e} first Munday in March next.

Jan 15th 1$\frac{699}{700}$
It was then & there voted that Lt Coll Hunt of Weymouth should be an equall Partner & have alike propriety with y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree in y^{e} lands in Contriversy between Boston & Braintree if obtained.

Jan. 15th 1$\frac{699}{700}$
The Town of Braintree orderly convened voted y^{t} Captain John Wilson should have liberty to make a Pew in some convenient

place in y^{e} meeting house where the committe that were chosen to seat^{e} the said house should think meet.

Jan 15th 1$\frac{699}{700}$
Voted at the same time that M^{r}. John Bayly of Roxberry should have five pounds monney for keeping Abigail Neale. Provided he give the Town noe further Trouble about her : —

Braintree January y^{e} 26 1700.
At a Publick Town meeting Lawfully convened y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree chose by vote Captain John Wilson their Moderator for that time. —

Jan 26 1700.
Then voted unanimously that the Inhabitants of Braintree would buy ye lands that has been in Contriversy between Boston & Them ;

Jan. 26. 1700.
Then voted y^{t} Inhabitants of Braintree aforesaid would buy all ye whole Lands ye Blew Hill Lands & all at 700 Pounds as it is Proffered by Boston men ;

[63] Braintree 26th January 1700.
At a Publick Town meeting ye Inhabitants of Braintree voted. That every Person now Purchasing shall Pay his due proportion (of all ye former expences) to there tax forthwith ;

26th Jan. 1700
Then voted also that noe Person now Purchasing shall make any Conveyance of the said Land now Purchased to any Person out of this Town as a Security thereby to let them have a foot hold or interest in ye said Purchase or any other way.

26 Jan. 1700.
Whereas John Copeland of Braintree had sometime since sold all his right title & interest to & in ye Lands aforesaid unto Samuel Andros of Weymouth. it is now voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree aforesaid that the said Samuel Andros should have an equall share with us.

26 Jan. 1700.
Then voted that noe Person shall make Sale or any conveyance of any part or the whole of their Allotment in said Lands Before or after division of y^{e} same. or let the same to any person of any other Town but only to the purchasors on forfeiture of s^{d} Land to s^{d} purchasors.

Braintree Jan 27 1$\frac{699}{700}$
At a Publick Town meeting by ajournment. Samuel Sewall Esqr. Samuel Webb, Josiah Sanders Wm Thayer & Arthur Powell

were voted by y^e^ Inhabitants of Braintree To have an equall part & alike share & propriety with them inthe lands Purchased of Boston Gentlemen.

Jan 27th. 1700.
Voted that all & every Person & Persons that have paid moneys towards y^e^ Lands now purchased that refuse to be any Purchasers shall have their monneys repaid them Againe excepting M^r^. William Rawson.

[64] Jan. 27th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.
Then voted by y^e^ Inhabitants of Braintree That Lt Co^ll^ Hunt Captain John Wilson & Lt John Baxter be still instructed & fully Impowered to perfect y^e^ Bargain concerning the Land formerly in Contriversie with y^e^ Gentlemen concerned at Boston & to receive & pay the money for said purchase. & to Receive the Deeds & conveyance of y^e^ same for y^e^ Purchasers in order to an equall division thereof as the said purchasers shall agree to methodize y^e^ same for every purchaser to have an equall part for Quantity and quality as is before voted. —

Jan. 27th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$
Then also voted that noe person should cut or cart of any wood bark or Timber off the Lands now purchased untill there be a division made of said Lands upon penalty of Forfeiting y^e^ same.

Jan^r^. y^e^. 31. 1700.
at a meeting of y^e^ Inhabitants of Braintree who are y^e^ Purchasers of y^e^ wast Lands with other Inhabitants that were Lawfully warned it was voted L^t^. Saml. Penniman James Brackett Edmund Littlefield & Thomas white Jun^or^ be appointed a Committee To Run the Line between Braintree & Weymouth forthwith:

Braintree March: the 4th 1700
The Inhabitants of Braintree freeholders being by the constable warned to Assemble as is usuall annually And being lawfully convened
They made choice by vote of Lt Samuel Penniman to be Moderator at that time.

March 4th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$
The Inhabitants of Braintree made choice of Joseph Parmenter Town Clerke.

March 4th. 1700.
The Inhabitants of Braintree aforesaid chose Deacon Nathanael Wales L^t^. Samuel Penniman. Theophilus Curtis John Webb & Joseph Neale, Selectmen

[65] March 4th 1$\frac{699}{700}$
The Inhabitants of Braintree at a generall Town meeting chose

for Constables. Joseph Adams & Samuel Speare. Then also they chose. M^{r}. William Rawson and James Bracket, Surveyors for y^{e} Town for highe wayes.

& M^{r}. Caleb Hobart } For Menatiquod
& Nehemiah Hayden }
as also James Brackett & John French Titheingmen

March 4th 1$\frac{699}{700}$

Then chose by y^{e} Inhabitants John Ruggle Junr. Samuel Newcomb & Samuel Baxter Fence viewers for y^{e} Town — and Jonathan Padleford & John Copeland for Menatiquod.

Then also it was voted by y^{e} Town that John Marshall should be accepted as Constable in Samuel Speares room & stead.

March 4th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.

Twas Then voted by y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Convened that John Ruggle Senr. Deacon Nathanael Wales & L^{t}. Samuel Penniman Should be a Committee appointed & impowered to treat & make up accompts with M^{r}. Benjamin Tompson. & to defend y^{e} Town if in case he prosicute us in a course of Law.

Then also voted by said Inhabitants that the Selectmen should treat & agree (if they s^{e} cause) with Josiah Owen about ebenezor Owens destracted daughter Provided he will take Twenty fower Pounds To be paid Six pounds p^{r}. yeare till the whole be paid: or eight pounds per yeare for Three yeares succeeding

[67] March 4th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.

Y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened chose John Ruggle Senr. James Bracket & Nehemiah Hayden a committe to Run the line with Weymouth men between y^{e} Towns land & M^{r}. Torreys neck.

Then also voted that M^{r}. Caleb Hobart Should demand of William Veasey all those wrightings in his hands that belong to y^{e} Town. & keep them in his hands for y^{e} use of y^{e} Town.

March 4th. 1$\frac{699}{700}$.

Y^{e} Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened then voted. that Benjamin Webb should have the old Schoole house for his owne use one yeare he repaireing of it & allowing the Town six shillings

At the same time & Town meeting Joseph Parmenter was voted Town Treasuo^{r}.

Braintree The 13th day of May 1700.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened chose Captain John Wilson their moderator for that time. —

And They then chose serjeant James Bracket their Representative for that year. —

May 13th 1700.

Y^{e}. Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened, then voted that M^{r}. Benjamin Tompson should have five Pounds monney

allowed him by ye Towne. he acquitting & fully discharging ye Towne for ye Time past. as also that Lv^t. Samuel Penniman & John Ruggle Senior should goe & make the tender thereof unto him. —

at ye same Time, twas voted that Fourty Eight Pounds monney be raised forthwith for ye defraying Town Charges:

May 13th 1700.

Then voted that the Selectmen in being be appointed & impowered a Committee to treeat & agree with M^r. Eells (or if he refuse some other) for a school master for the yeare ensueing

[68] May ye 13th 1700.

At a Publick Town meeting ye Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully convened voted that for ye yeare ensuing that is to say from ye 18th of August next ensueing. every scholler shall pay for his entry Into the school one shilling & so successively for every quarter for the whole year if he shall goe more than one quarter & this shall be apart ofthe school sallary to be paid unto the school master & he to give an account of all that come to ye Selectmen.

May ye 13th. 1700.

Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree aforesaid being orderly convened that John Ruggle Senio^r Ensigne Benjamin Savel & Joseph Allin be a Committee appointed & impowered to make up accounts with them who have the Town^s monneys as to what monneys have been Levied: about ye lands that have been in contriversye between Boston & Braintree.

Braintree July 29th 1700.

Received of John Marshall Twenty five shillings in full of this bill & also in full satisfaction for keeping Mary Owen on ye Towns account from the first munday in March 1699 till ye First munday in march last past 1700 I say received by me Samuel Belcher
vera Copia Jos. Parmenter.
Clerke: of Braintree. —

Whereas There hath been an old Reconing upon ye account of my service for many yeares which I have served them in That all may Issue in love. & all other matters of difference ended & all former accounts ballanced upon their cleering debt to Jonathan Hayward & M^r. Willerd in all being five Pounds. I do for ever acquitt & discharge the Town of Braintree from all dues & demands this being a mutuall & everlasting discharge.

June 12th 1700. Benjamin Tompson
Jonathan Hayward, Samuel Penniman.
vera Copia: Jos. Parmenter Town Clerk.

Whereas Saml Wales & Charles Davenport was chosen by ye Town of Dorchester & Edmund Littlefield & Stephen Crane were

chose by ye Town of Braintree. to be a committe to run ye line between the s^d Towns & settle it according to ye Court Record. which is to run upon an east & by South line: halfe apoint Southerly & ye s^d Committe haveing mutually chosen me ye subscriber to run ye s^d line between y^m. accordingly upon ye 22^d day of April 1700 I run ye Line from ye great blew hill to Plimouth Line according to ye s^d Record of Court & marked ye Trees standing upon ye Line with a cross.

vera copia pr. me Sam^ll. Thaxter

Jos. Parmenter Town Clerk.

[69] Boston May 29th. 1700.

Received of M^r. John Marshall constable of Braintry Two pounds Ten shillings in Full of ye within mentioned warrant for Twenty Seven Pounds Ten shillings Rec^d for M^r. James Taylor Treaso^r.

Vera Copia. ℘ Jer. Allen.

Jos. Parmenter Clerk of Braintree.

Braintree Sept. 2^d 1700.

At a Publick Town meeting the Inhabitants of said Braintree Lawfully convened chose Capt John Wilson Esqr Moderator for that time. —

Sept 2^d 1700.

Then voted that the Selectmen now in being be a Committee to petition the next Court of Quarter Sessions that the Bridge near the Iron workes be granted to be wholly a County Bridge for ye time to come;

Sept 2^d 1700.

Then voted that the Town would be at the cost and charge of carrying up of ye widow wood land to Mendum to her son Tompson who kindly offers to Receive & keep her upon their so doeing.

September y^e 5th 1700.

M^r. Jeremiah Wise came and began to keep school in Braintrey, according to agreement with Selectmen of s^d Town of Braintrey for thirty Pound one year.

Braintree January y^e 6th. $\frac{1}{1700}$.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully assembled by virtue of a warrant (to the Constable) from the Selectmen then in being chose L^t. Sam^ll Penniman their Moderator for that day.

Jan y^e 6th 170$\frac{0}{1}$

Twas then voted that whereas warning was given to the Inhabitants aforesaid to Treat with Doctor Bayly about Sam^ll Neales Daughter he not appeareing (haveing notice given Him) to meet the Town on that day: the matter should be suspended.

Jan. 6th 170$\frac{0}{1}$.
Then voted y^{t} Joseph Parmenter Town Treaso^{r}. should receive y^{e} Rev^{d} M^{r}. Fisk's sallery for y^{e} yeare 1700 of y^{e} constables y^{n} in being: for M^{r}. Fiske & sue s^{d} constables in case of default y^{e} Town allowing him reaseonable sattisfaction.

Jan. 6th 17$\frac{0}{1}$
Then voted y^{t} y^{e} Rv^{d} M^{r}. Moses Fiske should have liberty to Build a Pew by South East window in y^{e} meeting house He leaving convenient passage

[70] Braintree y^{e} 18th. February 1701
The Selectmen now in being Lett y^{e} House & Land adjoining of Thomas Scants at Menatiquod unto Lt Samuel Penniman for one yeare begining at ye first day of next march for Twenty Shillings money:

Braintree March ye 3^{d}. 1701
at a Publick Town meeting Lawfully convened ye Inhabitants of ye Town then Chose Capt John Wilson Esq Moderator
Joseph Parmenter was then chosen Town Clerk and Town Treasure^{r}.

They then also chose — Serjeant James Bracket
Ensigne Benja. Savel
Lt Sam^{ll} Penniman
Lt John Baxter &
Serjeant Jos. Neal. Selectmen.

ye Constables — Benja. Neale. &
Josiah Hobart.

They then chose ye Selectmen for their Assessors

ye Surveyors were. — Ebenezer Speare
Benjamin Beale
Jonathan Padleford &
John Copeland. —

Titheing men were. — Jno Bass Senio^{r}
Gregory Belcher
Thomas Copeland
Richard Thayer

Haywards or Field drivers were } Samuel Newcomb and
Benja— Scot

The Fence Viewers. Jno. Newcomb Jun^{or}.
Ebenezer Thayer
Jno. Cleverly. &
Nathl. Speare

[71] Sealer of weights & measures James Bracket

March 3^{d}. 1701.
It was then voted that Joseph Parmenter should have Fourty

Shillings for serveinge the Town as Town Treasurer for ye yeare past & this present yeare.

3^d March 1701.
It was then voted that the Selectmen shall be & are now impowred to call for and Recover ye Entry money (mentioned May 13 1700 upon ye schollars for ye paying of ye School master for ye yeare 1700 & 1701 by suit at Law upon Refusal of ye Parents or masters concerned.
Then also voted that a Rate be made of Fourty pounds forthwith for ye defraying Town charges.

3^d March 1701.
Then twas voted that Jno Mills should have Three Pounds for his repaireing the meeting house.

3^d March 1701.
Voted that Benjamin Webb should have ye use of ye old school House for one yeare for six shillings. —

3^d. March 1701.
Then voted that Doctor Jno. Bayly of Roxberry should have eight Pounds. money for keeping Abigail Neale Provided he Take up therewith & give the Town no Farther Trouble.

Boston March 6th. 1700.
Recvd of M^r. John Marshall Constable of Braintree Ten Pounds fourteen Shillings in full this Warrant Recv^d for M^r. James Taylor Treas^r.
Vera copia Jos. Parmenter ℘ Jer. Allen.
Clerke for Braintree

[72] May y^e. 13 1701.
y^e. Inhabitants of Braintree quallifyed according to Law (as by warrant to ye constable from ye Selectmen were ordered to be warned) being Assembled chose Capt. John Wilson Esq there Moderator for y^t Time : —

May ye 13. 1701.
They then also chose Lt John Baxter there Representative.

August ye 25th. 1701.
The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully convened chose Capt. John Wilson Esq Moderator for that day.

25 August 1701.
Then voted that the Bridge neare Mores Farme (ordered by the Honoured Court to be built by our Towne) should be built in a Publicke generall way by ye Town as ye Law directs. —

25th. August 1701.
Then voted that the Selectmen draw up & offer a Petition with

Reassons adjoyned & offer to the next Sessions for obtaining ye Bridge at Mores Farme, to be a County Bridge

September 26. 1701.
Lawfully being then assembled ye Inhabitants of Braintree chose Lt Peniman y^r Moderator.

Septembr 26th. 1701.
the Inhabitants of Braintrey Regulerly Asembled for the setling of a School master or Schoolmasters for ye year ensueing and raising of their sallary or Sallerys and a suitable way for ye paying of it — First voted That ye Rent of ye Town lands formerly paying to ye school shall continue as part of ye Sallery 2. that ye parent or master that shall send any scholler or Schollers to ye said School shall Pay for each Scholler to ye Town Treas^r for ye suport of ye school five shillings a year & [73] Proportionable for any part of it.

3. That any Person or Persons liveing out of ye Town who shall send any Scholler or Schollers to the afores^d School shall pay Twenty Shillings a year to ye Town Treas^r. and proportionable for any part of it. Provided that any poor persons in this Town who shall send any children to s^d school & find themselves unable to pay upon their Applycation to the Selectmen it shall be in their Power to abate or remit a part o ye whole of ye above s^d Sum. —

4. That what the Rent of ye Town Lands and ye head money of ye Schollers shall fall short of ye Schoolmasters sallery shall be Raised by a Town Rate equally proportioned upon ye Inhabitants of s^d Town.

Then also voted y^t Lt John Baxter & Lt Samuel Penniman should carry what is agreed upon & voted as above s^d to ye next sessions & offer it to them for their approbation & confirmation.

ye same day also ye s^d Inhabitants voted that Sir veasey. John veasey should be ye Schoolmaster for ye present yeare. if he & ye Selectmen can agree they to agree with him as reaseonably as they can:

It was then also voted that Nathaniel owen should have five pounds allowed him next Town Rate Towards ye errecting of a Room for ye entertaining & taking care of his Father & mother. Provided ye said owen will doe it.

November ye Tenth 1701.
the Selectmen of Braintree did agree with M^r. John Veasey To keep school in s^d Braintree for one year for thirty pounds ye Time to begin upon the Tenth of november afores^d.

[74] March ye 2^d 1702.
The Inhabitants of Braintry Legally convened then chose Captain John Wilson Esq their Moderator for that day.

The Selectmen were. L^t. John Baxter
Lt Samuel Penniman

Ensigne Benja Savel
Serjeant James Bracket
Serjeant Joseph Neall.

They then chose Joseph Parmenter their Clerk for the instant year 1702. —

The Constables were Dependance French and John Copeland

it was then voted by ye Inhabitants aforesaid that the Selectmen should be assessors,

it was also voted that the Selectmen should be overseers of ye Poor.

The Surveyors of Highe wayes y^n^ Chose were Nathaniel Speare & Ebenezer Crane. —

and for Menaticut John Bowdige & John Thayer.

March 2^d^ 1702.

Voted also at ye Same time that Saml. Payne & John Ruggle Junio^r^ Ebenezer Thayer & Samuel White senio^r^ should be Titheing men.

Then voted that James Puffer John Beale & Joseph Allin Junior should be Haywards or Field drivers. —

Fence viewers were Peter Adams & Saml Baxter. Josiah Faxon & Saml Allin.

[75] March ye 2^d^ 1702.

The Inhabitants of Braintry y^n^ voted James Bracket a Sealer of weights & measures. —

March ye 2^d^ 1702.

It was then voted by ye Inhabitants aforesaid that a Rate of Fourty pounds be made forthwith for ye defraying of Town charges the one halfe to be in money the other halfe in graine mony Price £40.

Twas then also voted y^t^ it should be in ye Power of ye present Selectmen to Lett ye old School house as they shall se meet.—

March ye 2^d^ 1702.

Joseph Parmenter was then voted Town Treaso^r^. and it was then also voted that Joseph Parmenter should have Thirty Shillings for his service as Towne Treasu^r^. for that instant year 1702. £1.10

June ye 3^d^. 1702.

The freeholders of Braintrey & ye other Inhabitants qualified according to Law that might vote for a Representative being (by virtue of a warrant from ye Selectmen to ye Constables) warned to meet & chuse. a Representative they chose Elder Nathaniel Wales their Moderator for that time. They also chose Lt John Baxter their Representative.

Braintrey ye 16 Decemb^r. 1702.
The Inhabitants of Braintrey Legally convened then chose Lt John Baxter their Moderator for that day.

December ye 16th 1702.
It was then voted that M^r. John Veasey should be their School master for halfe a year now comeing & that ye P sent Selectmen should agree with him (he accepting of it) as reseonably as they can.

[76] Decemb^r. 16. 1702.
Then voted that Elder Nathaniel Wales M^r. Wm Rawson & John Webb be a committe apointed to treat with w^m Drake of weymouth about his meadow in Braintrey & buy it of him if they se meet.
The Town owe & are Indebted To Thomas scant Thirteen Shillings.
there is also Twenty shillings due from the Towne to Jno newcomb Junior for keeping Abigail neall
entred by order of ye Selectmen — ℘ Jos Parmenter
March ye 1st. 1703. — Town Cler

March ye first 170⅔
The Inhabitants of Braintrey Regularly assembled then chose Captain John Wilson Esq their moderator for that day.

Selectmen Were.	Lt Samuel Pennyman James Brackit Theophilus Curtis Joseph Neall Dependance French
Constables — were.	John Cleverly and Richard Thayer
Surveyers of highe wayes —	Peter newcomb & Jno Payne Samuel French & Samuel Allen
Fence veiwers —	Moses Payne & Peter Webb Samuel Bass Cooper & Ebenezer Thayer.
[77] Field-drivers were —	Nathaniel owen & Jno Sanders
Titheing men were —	Thomas Thayer Samuel Speare & Moses Payne.

1 March 1703.
Then voted that ye Present Selectmen should be Assessors for ye year ensueing

1. March 1703.
it was then also voted that it should be left with ye selectmen in being to Lett ye old school house to Benjamin Webb for one yeare begining at the first day of May next ensueing.

1 March 1703.
the Inhabitants of Braintrey aforesaid then chose Joseph Parmenter Towne clerke for ye Instant yeare and also Town Treasurer.

1 March 1703.
Then voted to Joseph Parmenter Thirty Shillings for that Instant yeare for serveing as Town Treasurer.

May ye 10th. 1703.
The freeholders & Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawful convened chose Elder Nathaniel Wales there Moderator for y^t day. as also Lt Jno Baxter their Representative for the yeare ensueing. —
Then voted M^r. William Rawson their Commissioner.

May ye 10th 1703.
Then voted that ye School Master for ye year ensueing should have made up to him Thirty Pounds with ye Rent of ye Towns Land and interest money.

[78] July ye 12th. 1703.
The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly assembled then chose John Ruggle senior their moderator for that day. —
It was then voted that Lt Samuel Peniman James Brackett & Samuel French should let Menaticut Bridge to repaire & be joyned with M^r. John Hubbard to doe what may be need ful & necessary to be done to it.
M^r. John Hubbard being then present consented thereto.
Then also voted that Lt Samuel Penniman should be a sealer of Leather for this Town this year;
The seale for ye Town is BT.
Then voted that a Rate of Fourty Pounds be made forthwith for ye defraying Town charges Thirty pounds in money & Ten Pounds in other Pay.

June y^e 3^d 1703.
Recvd of M^r. Joseph Parmenter y^e sume of six Pounds seaventeen shillings in Full upon M^r. Jeremiah Wise acco^t ꝑ Sam^ll Bayley
vera Copia: Jos. Parmenter, Cler: for Braintrey.

[79] Braintrey March y^e 1st 169$\frac{6}{7}$.
Whereas the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Braintrey assembled in a general Town meeting upon y^e first of march currant past a vote for y^e stateing of my future salary as minister of said Town and have agreed to allow me y^e sume of ninety pounds in or as money ꝑ annum in each year successively dureing

my performeing ye worke of ye ministry in Braintry I discharging ye Town of old arrearages except such perticuler persons who are able to pay what is formerly due from each of them respectively upon a fair accompt I accept the salary therein proposed. and in consideration of the said vote I hereby doe for me my heires executors and administo^r acquit and discharge ye Town of all old arrearages from ye begining of the world to this day except as in ye said vote of ye Town is excepted.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seale this first day of March sixteen hundred ninety & seaven and in ye nineth year of his maj^ties Reign

signed & sealed in
Presence of.
Joseph Penniman } Moses ffiske & a seale
Nathaniel Wales.

A true copy of the original acquitance entred this 27 october 1703. per Jos. Parmenter
Town cler:

[80] Braintrey ye 26 November 1703.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey aforesaid being Regulerly assembled by warrant (under the selectmens hands) to the constable Richard Thayer

they then voted Captain John Wilson Esq Moderator for that day.

The warrant was as followeth: —

To Richard Thayer, Constable of Braintree.

Whereas there has been some dissatisfaction and disturbance in the Town respecting m^r. Fisks maintenance, there being some of our neighbours who think that that vote which settles 90 Pound ꝑ annum upon him was not so legal & orderly made & to prevent any further Trouble in the Town thereabout we think it needfull that ye Town should meet — these are therefore to require you in her maj^ties name to warn all ye Freeholders & other Inhabitants of this Town qualified as ye Law directs to voate in Town affaires to meet at ye meeting house on fryday the 26 of this instant november at Ten of ye clock in the forenoon to consider of this matter & to agree upon a sum for m^r. Fisks maintenance for this present year the greatest part of which allready past and to settle a sallary for him for the futar ify^e Town shall so agree when they come together, given under our hands this 11th day of novemb^r. 1703.

Samuel Penniman }
Theophilus Curtis } Selectmen
Dependance French }

Braintrey ye 4th. Octobr 1703

To Edmund Littlefield & W^m. Nightingall

these are to apoint & impower you to go with Dorchester Agents to run ye line between their Town & ours & to meet with them the 5th. october 1703 at Stephen Cranes, Samuel Penniman Selectmen

According to this warrent we have renewed y^e Line between Dorchester & Braintree.

Edmund Littlefield
Wm Nightingall

[81] June y^e 1st 1703.
M^r. Benjamin Tompson y^e School master of Braintrey for the year insueing then began his service. —

Brantrey y^e 10th. January 170$\frac{3}{4}$
At a Publick Town meeting of y^e Inhabitants of Braintrey being assembled by warrant to y^e constables under y^e hands of y^e Selectmen they then chose Elder Nathaniel Wales Moderator for that day.
The warrant was as followeth : —
To y^e Constables of Braintrey or either of them
Whereas there hath been a difference & dissatisfaction in divers persons inthe Town of Braintrey about ye settlement of m^r. Fisks Sallary in time past refering to a vote which was passed in said Town for ye payment of 90^lb ℔ annum to ye s^d M^r. Fisk & some persons alledging that ye voat was not Legall & that matter not being thorowly traverced in ye law & so that matter lying in suspence these are therefore in her maj^ties name to require you forthwith to summons & warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affaires to meet at ye meeting house in Braintrey on munday ye Tenth of January next to consider of a reinforceing of that vote of 90^lb and to settle it upon their minister M^r. Fisk. as a sallary for ye futar (if it maybe obtained) if not to proceed forthwith to settle a sallary upon him to begin from y^e first day of march last past & so on from thence forward dureing his continuance in y^e Town in y^e work of y^e work of y^e ministry
Dated Braintrey
y^e 21st of December 1703 John Wilson Justice

[82] Braintrey y^e 6th day of march 170$\frac{3}{4}$.
There Remaines due to John newcomb senior for keeping of Abigail neall in y^e year 1702 Thirty eight Shillings

March y^e 6th. 1704.
the Inhabitants of Braintry Lawfully assembled by warrant under the Selectmens hands to the Constables they then chose Lt John Baxter Moderator for that day.
The selectmen were M^r. Edmund Quinsey
Benjamin Savel
John Webb
Joseph Neall
Samuel Speare
Constables were.
Thomas Copeland &
Samuel Belcher.

Titheingmen —	Samuel Bass Carpenter Benjamin Webb. Samuel Bass Cooper Samuel Allin.
Surveyors were —	Samuel Payne Jonathan Hayward Peter Webb Peter Adams
Fence Viewers. —	Jos. Bass Junior Jos. Bracket John Thayer Jos. Allen junior

Town Clerk & Town Treasor. Joseph Parmenter.

They there also voted that the present Selectmen should be assessors

March ye 6th. 1704.
then voted that the price of graine for paying the Quarter part of ye 40 pounds granted by ye Town Last year for defraying Town charges should be as followeth; Indian Corn at two & six pence, barly molt Two & six pence, oats at fifteen pence per bushell

[83] March ye. 6th 1704. —
Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintrey Regulerly assembled. That the Reverend mr. Moses Fiske should have eighty Pounds for his Labours in the worke of the minestrey for ye year Last past. in money or in Indian corn at Two shillings & six pence per bushel and barley molt at Two Shillings and six pence per bushel or in other good merchantable pay at money price. —
The warrant for ye meeting aforesaid as it was delivered To Constable Thayer by ye selectmen therein being was as follows: —
To Richard Thayer constable of Braintrey.
These are in Her majties name to require you to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town contained in your list of Rates Qualifyed according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at ye meeting house in Braintry on munday ye 6th day of march next. at eight a clock to choos Town officers for ye year ensueing & to take care & provide for ye Reverend mr. Fiske for his Labours in ye ministrey: to set a sum for the defreying charges for ye year ensueing and to doe any other town buiseness need ful to be done at said meeting given under our hands this 19 February·170¾.

Samuel Penniman
Theophilus Curtis
Joseph neall
Dependance French
} Selectmen.

March ye 6th. 1704.
then voted by ye Inhabitants aforesaid that Joseph Parmenter

should have Twenty shillings for serveing ye Town as Town Treas^r^. for that instant year;

May ye 16th 1704
the Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully convened then chose captain John Wilson Esqu^r^. Moderator for that day. —

May ye 16th. 1704.
Then voted by ye Inhabitants aforesaid that their vote in march ye 6th. 1704 that is to give m^r^. moses Fiske 80 pound for ye year 1703 shall be void in as much as the said vote was unsattisfyeing to y^e^. R^vd^. m^r^. moses Fisk.

May ye 16th. 1704
Lt John Baxter was chose representative for the Town for ye present year.

May ye 16th 1704.
then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled that the present Selectmen treat & agree with m^r^. Benjamin Tompson for an abideing grammer schoolmaster not exceeding thirty Pounds ℔. annum in or as money: dureing ye time he perform the work untill ye present Law Refering to schools be Repealed.

[84] May ye 16th 1704.
Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully convened that John Ruggle senior Lt Samuel Penniman and Samuel French be a committee impowered to se after any parcel or parcels of common lands Illegally taken or fenced in by any person or persons in said Town and to sue them at Law if need be or to make use of any other proper methods relateing to that matter. —

The warrant to the constables for ye warning of the Town meeting on may ye 16. 1704 was as followes.

To ye constable or constables of the Town of Braintry Greeting you or either of you are in her majesties name Required forthwith to warn and give notice to the freeholders and other Inhabitants within ye Precinct of your said Town Qualifyed according to Law to vote in Town affairs to meet at our meeting house upon Tuesday being ye 16th. day of this Instant month at Eight of ye clock in ye morning then and there to elect & depute one or more persons (being freeholders & resident in ye said Town) according to ye number set & Limited by an act of ye General Assembly to serve for and Represent them in a great & General Court or assembly apointed to be convened held & kept for her majesties service at ye Town house in Boston upon Wednesday ye thirty first day of may ensueing ye date hereof: as also then & there to pass any acts or votes that may be agreed upon referring to ye maintenance of ye Rev^d^. m^r^. Moses Fisk as to time past & time to come and to do any other Business needful and proper to be done upon said day hereof and of your doeings herein make a true returne under your hand or hands & this shall be your warrant.

Dated in Braintrey this second day of may anno Domini 1704.

Edmund Quinsey
Benjamin Savel
Joseph neall.
Sam[l] Speare
} Selectmen of Braintree.

the Returne of y[e] constables on y[e] warrant was as followes.

May 10th 1704.

by virtue of this warrant we have warned y[e] freeholders & other inhabitants of y[e] Town of Braintree to meet at the time & place apointed to act according to this written warrant

Braintree the 16th may 1704. Thomas Copeland &
Vera copia. Samuel Belcher.
Joseph Parmenter. Constables of y[e] Town of Braintrey
Town cler:

[85] A Copy of the warrant from y[e] Selectmen to y[e] Constables which warrant was as followeth. —

To the Constable or Constables of y[e] Town of Braintree &c.

You or either of you are in her Majesties name Required forthwith to warn and give notice to the Freeholders and other Inhabitants within the Precincts of y[e] s[d] Town that are by Law duly Qualifyed to vote in Town affairs to meet at the meeting house in Braintree aforesaid upon a monday being the seventh day of August next ensuing at eight of the clock in the morning then & there to pass any act or votes that may be agreed upon refering to the settlement of the Rev[d]. m[r]. Moses Fisks maintenance, and to do any other Town business that may be thought needfull to be done on said day. hereof you are not to fail. But make a true Return of this warrant and of your Doings therein.

Dated in Braintree this 19th Day of July annog Dom[i]. 1704

Edmund Quinsey
Benjamin Savel
Samuel Spear
Joseph neall
} Selectmen of Braintree.

The constables of Braintree their Returne was as follows —

August the 5th. 1704. By virtue of this warrant we have warned & given notice to the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of y[e] Town of Braintree to meet at the time and place apointed.

Thomas Copeland, Samuel Belcher.
Constables of the Town of Braintree.

True coppy of y[e] warrant.
Returne of the Constables.
Attest Jos. Parmenter. Cler.

[86] August y[e] 7th 1704.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintrey Lawfully Assembled Then voted L[t] John Baxter Moderator for y[t] day.

Braintry. August y[e] 7th. 1704.

Then voted by the Major part of the freeholders & other Inhab-

itants of s^{d} Town that the Rv^{d} M^{r}. Moses Fiske have a settled sallary of ninety pounds in or as money (he finding himself wood) to be Annually well & truely paid to him the said m^{r}. Moses Fisk or his assigns for his support & maintenance during his performing the work of the ministry in this Towne from ye 5th of march one thousand seven hundred & three Fower.

Then also voted that the Rv^{d} m^{r}. Moses Fisk should have ninety Pounds in or as money for his labours in the worke of ye ministry for the year last past. 1703

The acquitance of the Rv^{d} m^{r}. Moses Fiske

Know all men by these presents that I moses Fiske of Braintrey in the County of Suffolk in the Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in new england clerk have acquitted & for ever released and by these presents do acquitt for ever release ye Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree in the County aforesaid their heirs executors and Administrators of & from all & all manner of Arrears of Rates sum & sums of money whatsoever that I y^{e} said Moses Fiske against the Inhabitants of said Town of Braintree my heirs executors or Administrators shall or may challeng or demand for or by reason of any Town votes or acts whatsoever that have been passed from y^{e} beginning of the world to the first of March in y^{e} year of our Lord 170$\frac{2}{3}$ in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands & seal this seventh day of August annog Domin^{i} 1704

Signed & sealed in presence ofus Mose Fiske & a seal

Henry Flynt.
George Corwin

A true copy of y^{e} acquitance above said
Attest Joseph Parmenter Town cler.

August the 7th. 1704.

the Inhabitants of Braintree then accepted of the acquitance above written.

Then also ye Inhabitants aforesaid voted that a Town Rate of fourty pounds be fourthwith made for ye defreying Town charges

March ye 5th. 1705.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully Assembled made choice of Lt John Baxter for Moderator that day.

March ye 5th. 1705.

They then chose Joseph Parmenter Town clerk for ye instant year.

[87] March ye 5th. 1705.

The inhabitants orderly convened as aforesaid chose for their Selectmen for ye year ensueing.

m^{r}. Edmund Quinsey
Ensign Benjamin Savel
John Webb
Joseph Neall
Samuel Speare

March ye 5th. 1705.
it was then also voted that the present selectmen should be Assessors for that instant year.

March ye 5th. 1705.
Joseph Parmenter was Chosen Town Treasurer for this instant year
The Constables that were then also chosen were.

Constables. —	Thomas Holbrook & John Baxter.
Titheing men were.	Joseph Bass — Joyner Peter Adams and Samuel Payne & John Copeland.
Surveyors were.	m^r. Wm Rawson Nathaniel Speare Lt Samuel Niel & Samuel Bass — Cooper
The Fence Viewers	Benjamin Neall Gregory Belcher Samuel White Junior Ephraim Thayer
Field drivers or Hawards :	Jno Beall & James Penniman

March ye 5th. 1705
It was then voted that ye Psent Select men should take an account of Lt. John Baxter for his service at Court as Representative & make a perticular Rate for the payment of him. —

March ye 5th 1705.
It was then voted that Joseph Parmenter should have for his service as Town clerk fifteen shillings & six pence. 15. 6 —

[88] March ye 5th. 1705.
it was then voted that Benjamin Beall and Jonathan Hayward for this year were to se to the observance of that Act against or relating to horses as ye Law directs. —

May the 14th. 1705.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of Braintrey Regulerly assembled chose L^t. John Baxter their Representative for this Instant year.
The warrant to the Constables for said meeting was as followeth. —
Suffolk. s.s. To the Constable or Constables of ye Town of Braintrey Greeting.
you or either of you are in Her majesties name hereby required to warn & give notice to the freeholders & other inhabitants of ye s^d Town duely quallifyed viz : such as have an Estate of Freehold

in Land within this Province or Territory of fforty shillings per annum at ye least or other Estate to ye value of Fifty pounds sterling that they assemble y^{m}selves at the meeting house in said Town on ye Fourteenth day of may next being on a munday at nine of ye clock in ye forenoon then & there to to elect & depute one or more persons (being Freeholders And resident in the same Town) to serve for & represent them in a great & general Court or assembly appointed to be convened held and kept for her Majesties service, at the Town House in Boston upon wednesday the thirtyeth day of may next ensueing ye date hereof as also you are required to notifye & summons timely ye person that shall be then & there elected to attend Her Majesties service in the s^{d}. great & general Court or Assembly upon ye said day above prefixed at nine in ye morning at the place appointed for holding ye same also notifye them that other Town business may be done on said day Hereof you may not faile And make a return of this warrant with your doings therein unto any one of us ye subscribers.

Dated at Braintrey this 23^{d} of April in the fourth year of Her Majesties Reign Annog Dom: 1705.

A true Copy of ye warrant.	Edmund Quinsey	Select Men.
Attest Jos. Parmenter	John Webb.	
Town Cler.	Joseph Neall	

August 22. 1705.

At a Publicke Town meeting ye Inhabitants of Braintrey Regulerly assembled they then chose captain Edmund Quinsey moderator for that day.

August 22. 1705.

ye Inhabitants of ye Town then voted that fifty Pounds should be forthwith Raised for the defraying Town Charges.

[89] Braintree March the 4th. 1706. —

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose L^{t}. John Baxter Moderator for that day.

The Selectmen then chose for that Instant year were	John Ruggle senior M^{r}. Wm Rawson Nehemiah Hayden John Webb. Joseph Neall.
Assessors were	John Ruggle senior Theophilus Curtis Cornet Jos. Allin.—
The Town Treasurer	Coll. Edmund Quinsey
Constables	Samuel White Benjamin Beall
Surveyors	Peter Newcomb Gregory Belcher Samuel French Cornelius Thayer

Titheing men	Samuel Spear Moses Payne Dependance French Jonathan Padleford
Fence Viewers	John Ruggle Junior. Lt John Cleverly Thomas French Jonathan Hayward

March ye 4th. 1706.
Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly assembled that Josiah owen should have Fourty Shillings money paid him yearly for Ten years together for keeping Mary owen.— and at ye same time twas voted y^{t} ye present selectmen should agree wth him about her.—

March ye 4th. 1706.
it was then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled that Joseph Parmenter should have ye Twelve Shillings due to the Town from Benjamin Webb for his improvement of ye old school House : for his service as Town Treasurer ye last year.
Then voted Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk

[90] Braintree ye 1st. July 1706.
The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Braintree qualifyed according to Law to vote in Town affairs being Regulerly assembled chose Elder Nathaniel Wales moderator for y^{t} day.

1. July 1706.
They then chose Coll Edmund Quinsey for a selectman to be Joyned with m^{r}. William Rawson, nehemiah Hayden John Webb & Joseph Neall in John Ruggle's Room.

Braintree ye 1 July 1706.
Whereas it was reported at a General Town meeting then assembled that weymouth men had refused to run ye Line between their Town and ours. The freeholders and other Inhabitants qualifyed according to Law to vote in Town Affairs then chose L^{t}. Coll. Edmund Quinsey L^{t}. John Baxter Ensign William veasey Captain John Mills and M^{r}. John Webb to be a Committee to Run the Line between ye said Towns according to ye General Courts Grant And if they the Selectmen of Weymouth still refuse ye same then the aforesaid Committee to Petition ye Honoured Court on ye aforesaid Town of Braintrees behalfe that their may be a settlement of said Line.

November the 25th. 1706.
The Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being Regulerly Assembled they then voted Captain John Mills Moderator for y^{t} day.

November ye 25th. 1706.

It was then voted that a Rate of Fourty seven Pounds and fower shillings be forthwith made for the defraying Town Charges. tobe paid in Bills of credit or in moneys at fifteen penny waight.

[91] November ye 25th. 1706.

The Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being Lawfully conveened it was then proposed by ye Moderator that whereas there was Two meeting houses erected in this Town whether the south end shall be a congregation by themselves for the worship and service of God.

It was then voted by ye major part of said Inhabitants on the Affirmative.

The warrant for the meeting on ye 25th of Novembr 1706 was as followeth;

To the Constables ofthe Town of Braintree and to any or either of them

In Her Majesties name you are hereby Required forthwith to warn and give notice to the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye said Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affaires That they meet at the old meeting House in said Town upon munday the 25th of this instant month november at eight clock in ye morning then and there to agree upon a sume of money to be raised for ye defraying ye necessary charges risen and ariseing in the Town and also to doe any other Town bussiness need ful tobe done on said day hereof you may not faile, makeing a true returne.

Dated in Braintree this 15th day of November 1706.

A true Copy. — Attest Jos Parmenter Town Cler.

William Rawson
Edmund Quinsey
Joseph Neal
} Select-men.

March ye 3^d. 1707.

At a Publick Town meeting the Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly Assembled they then chose Captain John Wilson Esqr their Moderator for that day. —

They then chose for their Selectmen for that instant year Captain John Mills

Cornet Joseph Allin
Serjeant Nehemiah Hayden
M^r. John Webb
Serjeant Joseph Neall

Braintree March ye 3^d. 1707. —

At the same time the same Selectmen were voted assessors for ye ensueing year. The same day Cornet Jos Allin was chosen [92] Town Treasurer.

Y^e Constables were Nathanael Thayer
& Nathanael Speer

But at ye same time the said Nathanael Speer agreeing with John Marshall to serve in his room and stead was accordingly accepted by ye inhabitants of said Town by a vote.

Surveyors were Samuel Tompson, Samuel Belcher
John Wylde, & John Thayer
Tythingmen were James Bracket. Benjamin Neall
Samuel Payne Benjamin Allen
Fence Viewers were Peter Newcomb. Solomon Veasey
Ebenezer Thayer Thomas White.
Haywards or Field John Mash. Joseph Bracket
Drivers were, Benjamin Hobart Nathaniel Thayer Jr.

Braintree March ye. 24th. 1707
The Freeholders and Inhabitants of ye sd Town of Braintree Regularly assembled. They then chose Lt. John Baxter their Moderator for that day.

March ye 24th. 1707.
then Voted that the Town's School lands That have heitherunto, been devoted to ye use of the Schools, in this Town, shall lye for the use of the school in this Town for ever.

March ye 24th. 1707.
Then Voted that Coll Edmund Quinsey, Ensign William Veasey and Mr. Theophilus Curtis be a Committee to set & Let ye Towns School Lands, as they se meet not exceeding Twelve years.

[93] Againss't the First vote ye persons following entred their dissent. Nehemiah Hayden, Josiah Hobart, Thomas wells, Peter Hobart John Thayer Nathaniel Thayer Joseph Allen Frances Nash Ebenezer Thayer Lt. Samuel Niel, Joseph Allin Junr. Benja. Staples, Thomas Holbrook, John Wild Benjamin Allin John Hollis, Samuel White Senior Samuel White Junior, Josiah Faxson, Benja. Hobart, Edmund Littlefield, Ephraim Thayer John Hardin Cornelius Thayer.

May ye 12th. 1707.
The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly Assembled.
They then Chose Captain John Wilson Moderator for the day.

May ye 12th. 1707.
They then chose Mr. John Webb ye Representative for ye year insuing.

May ye 12th. 1707.
Then voted that ye selectmen be impowered to discourse (& agree) if they se cause with Samuel Bullard of Deadham or Dorchester in order to ye cure of Abigail Neall, & to agree upon terms following
That is to lay down Twenty shillings in order to said cure and to ingage no more for keeping than eighteen pence ꝑ week. If in case a cure be performed that may prove sound for one whole year, then to give satisfaction for said cure not exceeding Ten Pounds nor to pay said sum untill Twelve months are expired after ye cure & said Twenty shillings to be part of said sum. and

if no cure be performed to pay no more than said Twenty shillings & for her keeping

May ye 12th. 1707.
Then voted that Capt. John Wilson Esqr. Lt. Coll. Edmund Quinsey, John Ruggles senior, Lt. Deacon Savel for the north part of ye Town: and Capt. John Mills, Cornit Jos: Allen & Serjeant Nehemiah Hayden and serjeant Samuel Payne: for ye south part of ye Town should go and discourse with Mr. Fiske one with an other, and bring report to ye Town whether there can be any proposals made that may and shall be complied with, on either side, that may be for ye peace and satisfaction of both parts, of ye Town.

August ye 5th. 1707
The Free holders & Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly assembled then chose Captain John Mills Moderator for that day.

August ye 5th. 1707
Then voted that ye salt meadow y^{t} has been in Mr. Fisks improvement be now let out by a Committee (y^{t} shall now be chosen) for one year Mr. Fiske haveing the refusal thereof cheaper than an other man the moneys to be paid to ye Town Treasurer for ye Towns use.

August ye 5th. 1707.
Ebenezer Spear serjeant Joseph Bass, & Benjamin Neall be a committee to let ye salt meadow lately in Mr. Fisks improvement for one year.

[94] Braintree August ye 5th. 1707.
The Selectmen then in being according to a Vote passed by ye Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly assembled May ye 15th. 1699 (refference whereunto had may more fully appear) have allowed unto John Wilson Esqr. Leave and Liberty to set up a shed containing Twelve foot front & Ten foot from the fence of Benjamin Webb southerly, as also to Mr. William Rawson Twelve foot front and Ten foot from ye fence aforesaid southerly To Joyne together for to shelter their horses in as it is now staked.
Attest. Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

Braintree the 24th. day of December 1707.
The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly assembled, then chose Captain John Mills moderator for that day.
At the same time there was chosen Coll. Quinsey, Lt. John Baxter, and Joseph Neall Trustees. there was then also chosen a Commissioner which by votes fell upon Coll. Quinsey, one of ye Trustees, whereupon Captain John Mills was at the same time chosen a Trustee in Coll. Edmund Quinsey's Room.

December 24. 1707.

Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree aforesaid, that fifty pounds be forthwith raised for the defraying Town Charges.

Braintree ye 1st. March 1708.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Regularly Assembled, then chose Coll. Quincy Esqr. moderator for that day.

The Selectmen then chosen for ye year ensuing were,

Coll. Edmund Quinsey Esq Capt. John Mills, Serjeant Joseph Neall Serjeant Nehemiah Hayden Mr. John Webb.

Then voted that ye present Selectmen be Assessors for ye year ensuing.

Joseph Parmenter was then chosen Town Clerk.

[95] The Constables then chosen were Benjamin Webb, and Moses Curtis.

Town Treasurer then chosen was Joseph Bass Junior.

The Titheing men were Ensign Peter Adams, Ensign Samuel Baxter Peter Webb and Jonathan Hayward.

Surveyors, Moses Penniman Joseph Bracket Josiah Hobart Benjamin Allen.

Haward or Field Drivers James Penniman & William Savel.

The meet pursons to look after ye act relating to Horses, were John Thayer and Joseph Crosbye.

Fence Viewers Deacon Moses Payne Nathaniel Spear, Josiah Faxon, Samuel White Junior.

March ye 1st. 1708.

Then Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to agree with Deacon Benjamin Savel or his son about the exchange of a Piece of Land.

March y^e 1st. 1708

Then voted that y^e present select men take an account of whats done about the bridge at menaticut of y^e persons (sometime since) imployed about it and se whats due to them.

The warrant for y^e meeting was as followeth.

Braintree 5th. February 170$\frac{7}{8}$

Suffolk. ss. To y^e Constable or Constables of Braintree you or either of you are hereby required In Her majesties name forthwith to warn all y^e free holders & other Inhabitants Qualified according to law to vote in Town Affairs to meet at y^e old meeting house In Braintree aforesaid at or on y^e first munday In March next ensueing at eight of ye clock in ye forenoon then & there to elect & choose all Town Officers according as the Law directs, and when Regurlarly assembled, to se if ye Town can agree to make any abatement [96] upon the south part of ye Town respecting Mr. Fisk's salery, or to se if ye Town will do anything in General for ye supporting of ye ministree In ye south part of ye Town hereof faile not & make your returne of this warrant,

at or before ye 27th. Day of this present February and to return ye warrant to Captain John Mills or any of ye Selectmen.

Joseph Allin
Nehemiah Hayden
John Webb
Joseph Neall
John Mills.
} Selectmen.

A true Coppy attest Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

Braintree March ye 15th. 1708.

At a Town meeting ye Inhabitants of said Town Legally Assembled. Then chos Coll. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

March ye 15th. 1708.

Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintree Legally convened, That if Edmund Littlefield would gather all ye Rates yet left ungathered by Thomas Copeland Late constable of said Braintree Deceased, as to Province County, ministers & Town^e. it should be accepted as if he himself had personally served (in said Town) as Constable.

March ye 15th. 1708.

Then voted that any person being Inhabitant within this Town shall any time after the 20th. April next, until the 10th. of June following kill or destroy any old Black birds within ye bounds of said Town and bring him to any one or more of y^t Selectmen who shall take an account of ye number and give order that he shall be paid two pence ꝑ head out of ye Town Treasury

March ye 15th. 1708.

Samuel Allin was chosen Constable in the room and stead of Benjamin Webb he the said Benjamin Webb haveing paid to ye selectmen Five pounds for not serving in said place.

Braintree May ye 10th. 1708.

ye Inhabitants of Braintree lawfully assembled then chose Mr. John Webb their Representative for ye ensuing year.

[99] To ye Constables of Braintree.

you (or either of you) are hereby required in her majesties name forthwith to warn all ye freeholders (& other Inhabitants of this Town Qualified according to Law to vote in town affairs to meet at ye old meeting house in Braintree on munday next being ye nineteenth day of this instant July at three of the clock in ye afternoon, then & there to consider of & conclude about ye disposal of that part of ye Town's meadow that hath formerly been in ye improvement of ye Rev^d. Mr. Fisk lyeing near sheds neck that is to say by letting or otherwise improveing it to ye use & benefit of ye Town, thereof faile not & make returns hereof & of your doings herein sometime before ye time appointed, for said meeting, to us (or any of us) ye subscribers being Selectmen for

ye Town of Braintree given under our hands this twelfth day of July anno. Dom. 1708.

Nehemiah Hayden
Joseph Neall
John Webb
Selectmen.

a true copy of ye warrant
20 July 1708, attest Jos. Parmenter
Town Clerk.

Braintree July ye 19th. 1708.
The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly Assembled then chose Mr. William Rawson to be moderator for that day.

July ye 19th. 1708
Then voted that the salt meadow formerly in the possession of the Reverend Mr. Fisk (as it is mentioned in the warrant for this present meeting) be lett & improved for the use & benefit of ye Town, (the Rent thereof for this present year) and to be paid in to ye Town Treasurer.

July ye 19th. 1708.
Then voted that Samuel Payne, Samuel French, and Benjamin Neall be a committee to let ye salt meadow formerly in Mr. Fisks improvement for this present year.

Braintree October ye 11th. 1708.
The freeholders & other Inhabitants being lawfully assembled. They then chose Mr. William Rawson moderator for that day.

[100] October ye 11th. 1708.
Then voted by the freeholders & other Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Convened that Fifty pounds money be forthwith raised for ye defraying Town Charges to be paid in silver money at fifteen penny weight or Bills of Credit.

October ye 11th. 1708.
It was then also voted that ye present Selectmen should provide a Gramer school Master for ye year ensueing ye salarry not to exceed Thirty pounds.

Braintree ye 3^d. Day of November.
The Inhabitants of s^d Braintree being Regularly Assembled. Then chose Captain John Wilson Esqr. moderator for that day. The said moderator withdrawing Coll. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. was chosen moderator in his Room.

After ye warrants were read for said meeting which was as follows. To Samuel Allen Constable of ye Town of Braintree, Greeting. you are required in her majesties name to warn & give notice to ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of ye South end of said Town duely quallifyed to vote in Town affairs to meet at ye old meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday next being ye 3^d Day of November at nine of ye clock in ye forenoon then & there to consult & consider about & if possible to fix upon a suitable

& reasonable Line of Division, distinction or Limitation of ye said south end, Assembly & Society, and of ye North end congregation. That said Line be loveingly agreed upon & settled (if it may be) and to do any other Town business needfull to be done on said Day hereof you may not faile makeing return hereof at or before ye aforementioned Day to one or other of the Selectmen Dated in Braintree ye 30th. Day of October annoqu — Domini 1708 and the 7th. year of her majesties Reign.

By order of ye Selectmen Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

A true coppy of ye warrant Attest, Jos. Parmenter Town Clerk. and ye other warrant directed to Constable Moses Curtis of s^{d} Town was of ye same tenor.

There were immediately that did declare against ye dividing of ye Town and that they did refuse to Joyne with said Inhabitants in that affair and requested that it might be entered with their names in ye Town Book.

There then entred their names Lt Jno Cleverly, Ensign William Veasey, Solomon Veasey, Moses Penniman James Penniman, Samuel Penniman, John Newcomb Junior, James Bracket, Nathan Bracket, John Sanders.

[101] November ye 3^{d}. 1708.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully Assembled It was then voted that there should be two distinct precincts or societies, in this Town for ye more regular & convenient upholding of ye worship of God.

November ye 3^{d}. 1708.

It was then also voted by ye Inhabitants aforesaid, That Coll. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. & Serjeant Nehemiah Hayden be a Committee in ye name of ye whole Town To Adress ye Great & General Court or Assembly now siting, for their Approveing & confirming the Line by them agreed upon, between ye said societies.

November ye 3^{d}. 1708.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully assembled then voted that the line for ye distinction of Precincts between ye North & ye South Societies should run as followeth, That said Line begin at ye head of ye ship coave by John Newcomb senior (taking in his living to ye South end) And so to run from ye head of said cove to ye common & to run from ye common by said John Newcombs to ye line between John Penniman Junior & Samuel Veasey, and then running upon ye line between Theophilus Curtis and Mr. Frances Legaree, as also running upon ye line between Serjeant Samuel Paynes & James Pennimans Land to ye common, and from thence to ye northwest corner of Faxon's Farm, and so to ye northwest corner of Alldriges Farm and so to run from said corner of said Farm from markt Trees to ye mouth of blew hill river where it comes into More's river & so by said blew hill river To Dorchester upon ye blew hill line.

November 3d. 1708.

Then voted that ye present selectmen or any three of them be intrusted about exchanging a bit of Common lands with Joseph Nightingall for a bit of his land.

Braintree the 17th. Day of January 1708/9.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly Assembled then chose Coll. Edmund Quinsey Moderator for that day.

There was then read the General Courts order for two Precincts in this Town, which was as followeth.

At a session of ye Great & General Court held at Boston upon Wednesday the 20th. of October, 1708.

Friday November 5th. 1708 In Council.

A petition of Coll. Edmund Quinsey and Nehemiah Hayden on behalf of ye town of Braintree. Praying this Courts Approbation & confirmation of ye vote & Agreement of the said Town, That there should be two Distinct Precincts in the said Town for ye more regular & convenient Upholding of ye worship of God, and that theDivisional [102] Line, betwixt ye north and south precinct begin at the head of the ship cove by John Newcomb senior (taking in his living to ye south end) And so to run from ye head of sd cove to ye Common and so to run from ye common to the Line between John Penniman Junior and Samuel Veasey and then running upon ye line between Theophilus Curtis and Frances Legaree. As also running upon ye line between Serjeant Samuel Paynes & James Penniman's land to the common and from thence to the northwest Corner of Faxons Farm, and to ye northwest corner of Aldriches Farm, and so to run from ye said Corner of said Farm, from markt Trees to the mouth of blew hill river where it comes into Mores River and so by said blew hill river to Dorchester upon the blew hill Line) with the order passed thereon in ye house of Representatives were read and concurred with, vizt. Ordered, That the Prayer of this Petition be Granted, and that two Precincts be setled and confirmed according to the vote of the Town of Braintree annexed.

Consented to J. Dudley.

A true Copy as of Record. Examd. ℘ Isaac Addington Secry.

A true Copy Attest Jos. Parmenter, Town Clerk.

Braintree, March ye 7th. 1708/9.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully convened then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for tht Day.

The Selectmen were Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Captain John Mills, Lt. John Cleverly Mr. Nehemiah Hayden Mr Samuel French.

Constables, were Samuel Bass & Josiah Faxon, but Samuel Bass refusing to serve, paid his five Pounds money & James Penniman was chosen Constable in his Room.

Town Treasurer was Joseph Bass.

Surveyors were Benjamin Neall, John Marshall, Thomas White, Nehemiah Hayden Junior.

Fence Viewers were Lt. Joseph Neall, Ensign Samuel Baxter, Peter Webb, & Peter Hobart.

[103] Tithingmen were Deacon Benjamin Savel, Deacon Moses Payne, Deacon Joseph Allin, Deacon Samuel Bass.

Field Drivers were John Wilde, Samuel Penniman.

Town Clerk, was Joseph Parmenter.

March ye 7th. 1708/9

Then voted that ye present Selectmen should drawup a by Law or orders relating unto horses & fix a penalty thereto not exceeding Twenty shillings and offer it to ye Town ye next Publick Town meeting for their approving & confirming the same.

March ye 7th. 1708/9

Then voted that the charge ariseing at a suit of Law about a Piece of meadow lately in Mr. Fisks hands should be bore by ye whole Town, and a committee chosen to Lease said meadow for ye use of ye school not exceeding Ten years

March ye 7th. 1708/9

Then Voted that Captain Mills Lt Neall & Mr. John Webb be a committee to Let ye Town's meadow not exceeding Ten years.

May ye 2nd. 1709.

The Inhabitants of Braintree, being Regularly assembled then chose Capt John Mills their Representative for the year ensuing

July 19th. 1709.

The Inhabitants of this Towne of Braintree being Lawfully convened, upon Due warning thereunto, they then chose Collonel Edmund Quinsey Moderator, for that Day.

They then also voted Benjamen Webb Town Clerk untill another be chosen & sworn &c.

Then also voted that Nehemiah Hayden sen^r. should be added to the Committee for letting the Townes meadow in the room of John Webb.

[104] Then also Nehemiah Hayden & Samuel French who were chosen (some time since) by the towne with Lt John Cleverly as a Committee to Run the line, between Braintry & Weymouth made their Report to the Towne: that they went over to Weymouth and proposed to them (viz. to their committee chosen for that purpose) to be at half the charge of a Surveyor (as being so instructed of the Towne) in Running the afores^d. line: but they refused to Run the line with a Surveyor.

then also was voted, That Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard and Mr. William Rawson Senr. Should be a Committee, to see to the repairing of Monaticut Bridg, and to agree with fitt persons that should undertake the Reparation thereof.

October 24th. 1709.

The Inhabitants of this Town of Braintree Lawfully convened upon due warning, Chose Capt. John Wilson Moderator.

A town tax. Then voted on the affirmative, That a Rate of Forty Pounds shall be levyed on the Towne, by the Selectmen for the Defraying the necessary Town Charges of this present year 1709.

Comons to be Proportioned. Then voted also that something shall be done for the more equall proportioning or Regulating, the Improvements of all the comons in the Towne.

Also That a Committee be chosen to consider more deliberately about the premises and to draw up some Proposals thereabout, to offer to the Towne at the next annual Towne Meeting.

Comitte. Then also Voted, That Ensign William Vesey, Lt John Cleverly and Serg Nehemiah Hayden, should be a committee for the aforesaid business.

[105] Braintree Octobr. 8th. 1709. A private way on Mr Rawson Farme

The Selectmen of Braintree being mett upon Mr Rawsons Farm in sd Towne the Day & yeare above sd. layd out a Private Drift way not to be layd open as follows viz to begin at the corner of the Farm called old Mr Willsons Farme, where a stubb & stones is the bounds and be two Rodd wide till it comes to a stubb & stones in the line between Mr. Willson & Mr. Rawson, from thence on each side the center trees in the said Line a Rodd wide unto a Walnut Center Tree, at the Topp of the Hill newly Dugg Downe, from thence to the Savin bound Tree, a Rodd wide on the south & a Rodd & half wide on the North side of the line, from thence, that is to say from the Savin Tree to a forked Stump upon the plaine, a Rod & half wide, & from thence to Dorchester line where the new causey is made, the same breadth. It must be understood the said Mr. William Rawson freely gives the way to the Town of Braintry as above mentioned & agrees to repair the said Causey near the Townes Line forever so farr as it lies in Braintry.

Edmund Quinsey
John Cleverly
Nehemiah Hayden
Samuel French
} Select Men.

A true Coppy of the original Draught, by the Selectmen.
as attests, Benjamin Webb, Town Clerk.
Entered January 27th. 1709/10.

March the 6th. 1709/10.

The Inhabitants of this Town of Braintry Lawfully convened upon due warning chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Moderator.

Joseph Parmenter was yn voted Clerk.

Then were then chosen for Selectmen.

Selectmen. Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard, Lt. Joseph Neall
Lt. John Cleverly, Ensign Peter Adams,
Sergeant Nehemiah Hayden.

Assessors. Then also voted that the present Selectmen should be assessors for this year

Treasurer. Then voted, Joseph Crosbye their Town Treasurer.

[106] March 6th 1709/10

Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintry Lawfully assembled that there should be in each Precinct a Constable annually chosen.

Constables, were John Bass, and John Hollis, But John Bass, refuseing to serve Paid his five pounds money, and James Puffer was chosen (in his room) Constable.

Tithingmen. Deacon Benjamin Savel, Deacon Moses Payne, Deacon Joseph Allin Deacon, Samuel Bass, were then chosen Tithingmen.

Surveyors. Then were chosen Ebenezer Spear & Moses Curtis Surveyers.

Fence Viewers the Fence Viewers were Nathaniel Spear Samuel Belcher & Ephraim Thayer, Josiah Hobart.

Field Drivers. then were chosen, Samuel Penniman & John Wilde Field Drivers. A Committee. At the same time it was voted That Peter Webb & Joseph Crosbye be a Committee to go and search the records at Boston with reference to the grant of the 6000 Acres of Land by ye General Court, To ye Town of Braintry, and make report of it unto the said Town.

It was then also voted that Joseph Bass should have Twenty shillings allowed him for his service the Two years last past for serving the Town, as Town Treasurer.

May the 19th. 1710.

The Inhabitants of this Town Lawfully convened, chose Captain John Mills their Representative for the year ensuing.

May 19th. 1710.

At the same time they chose John Beall a Sealer of Leather for the year ensuing.

November, 28th. 1710.

At a Town meeting Lawfully convened, Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard was chosen moderator for that Day.

Then voted, that a sume of Thirty Pounds money be forthwith raised for ye defreying Town Charges.

November 28th. 1710.

Then voted that the Town should alow six pounds for & towards the keeping of Bulls, from the first of March next, to the first of March [107] following which shall be in the year of our Lord 1712, to be paid at the end of said year, every Bull to be a good sufficient Bull of two years old at least to be entred with ye Town Clerk on the first munday of March next, the six pounds to be paid in proportion to the Bulls entred, and if it shall happen that less than six Bulls be entred no man to be allowed more than Twenty shillings for, one Bull.

November 28th. 1710.
Then Voted that Mr. Adams the present School master be impowered to demand a Load of wood of each boy that comes to school this winter.

November, 28th. 1710.
Then voted that Twelve pounds be raised for John Penniman of Swansey, provided that the Town be for ever cleared of him.
It was then voted that Twelve Pounds Pounds more be raised and aded to ye Thirty Pounds before granted.

November 28th. 1710.
Then voted that the present Selectmen be a Committee impowered to manage the affair respecting John Penniman.

November 28th. 1710.
Then voted by ye North Precinct Regularly assembled that Mr. William Rawson should have liberty to build a Pew for himselfe & Family where the three short seats of the womens be, & so to joyn home to the foreseat of the womens in ye old meeting House at the south west end.

Braintry March the 5th. 17$\frac{10}{11}$
The Inhabitants of said Town Regularly Assembled chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Moderator for that day.
Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard.
Selectmen then chosen were Lt. Joseph Neall
Lt Jno. Cleverly, Mr Nehemiah Hayden
Ensign Peter Adams.
[108] Town Treasurer. Mr. Joseph Crosbye, was chosen Town Treasurer for this present year 1711.
Constables, were then chosen Moses Penniman & Peter Hobart, but Peter Hobart agreeing with Jonathan Hayward & presenting him before ye Town was accepted then by them and voted Constable in his Room.

Tithingmen were	Peter Newcomb, John Bass Drumer. Serjeant Saml. Payne & John Copeland Senior.
Surveyors were	Capt. John Mills. Lt. John Cleverly. Serjeant Saml. French. & John Thayer.
Fence Viewers.	Ensign Samuel Baxter. Benjamin Neall Samuel Allin. Nehemiah Hayden Junior,
Field Drivers.	Samuel Penniman Jonathan Newcomb, John Wilde Cornelius Thayer.

March 5th. 1710/11

Then voted that no person freeholder or other Inhabitants shall hence forward carry any wood or stones off of ye common out of ye Town to make merchandise thereof but what is allowed by ye Committee hereafter chosen, under the penalty of forfeiting Twenty shillings for every cart load so taken & carryed away to ye poor of ye Town.

Then also it was voted that Capt. John Mills Lt. John Cleverly, Ensign William Veasey, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden & Serjeant Samuel French be ye Committee as above said, as also to inspect & prosicute all incroachments upon the highe wayes, private Town wayes & commons within this Town.

Town Clerk. At the same time Joseph Parmenter was voted Clerk.

June 11th. 1711.

The Inhabitants of Braintry being Regularly assembled chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esq moderator for ye day.

Then voted that there should be a Petition presented as [109] soon as may bee to ye General Assembly for a confirmation of six thousand acres of Land formerly granted by ye Honoured General Court to this Town.

June 11th. 1711.

Then voted that the present select Men should take care of the above said Petition as to that affair.

Braintry December the 12th. 1711.

the Inhabitants of said Town Regularly assembled then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Moderator.

December ye 12th. 1711.

Then voted that fourty Pounds money be forthwith raised for the defraying Town charges.

January the 21st. 17$\frac{11}{12}$

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose Col Edmund Quinsey, Moderator for that Day.

Then voted that Col. Edmund Quinsey & Lt John Baxter be a Committee with ye present Selectmen to answer the Petition of the Town of Milton about the blew hill lands, (by some of them Lately Purchased and by said Town Petitioned to ly within there Township.

January 21st. 17$\frac{11}{12}$

Then voted that Col. Edmund Quinsey and Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard be a Committee to represent the Town at the next sessions of the Honoured Court, to obtain an order for the money due from the County for repairing menaticut Bridge.

Braintry March the 3d. 17$\frac{11}{12}$

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled then chose Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard Moderator for that day.

The Selectmen were. Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard.
Lt. Joseph Neall.
Lt. John Cleverly.
Ensign Peter Adams.
Sergeant Nehemiah Hayden.

Constables, were Peter Webb and Simon Bryant, but Peter [110] Webb refusing to serve they then chose John Wilde, Constable.

Town Treasurer, was Joseph Crosbye.

Tithing Men, were Samuel Bass, Carpenter, Samuel, Speare Dependence French, Josiah Hobart.

Surveyors were, Deacon Benjamin Savel, Benjamin Neall, John Thayer, Nehemiah Hayden Junior.

Fence Viewers were Benjamin Beall Moses Curtis, Ephraim Thayer, Joseph Allin Junior.

Field Drivers, were Moses Belcher senior, Daniel Legaree Benjamin Hubbard, Ebenezer White.

Then also voted that the Persons who last year entred their Bulls for the use of the Town should each of them have Ten shillings ℔ piece.

Joseph Parmenter was then also chosen clerk for the Town for the ensuing year.

Braintry March the 19th. 1712.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled then chose Lt. John Cleverly Moderator.

Then they chose Nathaniel Owen Constable.

Braintree May 20th. 1712.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled they then chose Capt. John Mills Their Representative.

Braintry May 28th. 1712.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled, they then chose Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard, moderator.

Then voted, that Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Mr Nathaniel Hubbard, Lt. Joseph Neall, Ensign William Veasey and Mr. [111] Nehemiah Hayden be a Committee to prefer a Petition to the honoured court, about the lands Petitioned for by Milton to ly in their jurisdiction.

May 28th. 1712.

Then also voted that any person of this Town that takes any sheep from any other person out of the Town to keep for them on the Town's common shall certifie the Town Treasurer thereof, and promise to pay in to him for the use of the Town Twelve pence per head for every such sheep, and if in case he omitt or neglect so to do, and any sheep be found with any such person, they said person shall pay Two Shillings per head for every such sheep.

Samuel Penniman's Bond to the Selectmen.

Know all Men by these Presents, that I, Samuel, Penniman of Braintry in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, am holden & do stand firmly bound unto the present select men for the Town of Braintry aforesaid in ye full & Just sum of one hundred Pounds current money of New England to be paid to the said Selectmen or either of them, their certain Attorney or successors in the said office of Selectmen on the behalf, & for the use of ye s^d. Town, To the which payment well & truly to be made I bind myself my heirs Executors & administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal this 29th Day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred & eleven, in the tenth year of the Reign of her Majesties Queen Ann.

The Condition of this present obligation is such that whereas the above named Samuel Penniman has received of his Brother John Penniman of Swansy in the County of Bristol in the Province abovesaid, one Deed of a certain tract of land in the Township of Braintry containing about Ten acres of land (as by said deed may more fully appear) and has Received of the Selectmen above named Twelve pounds money by an order on the Town Treasurer, all which is for the keeping & maintaining the aforesaid John Penniman, Now Know all Men to whom these presents shall come, that I ye said Samuel Penniman do covenant Promise grant & agree to & with the said [112] Selectmen and bind and oblige myself my heirs, executors & administrators to find my Brother the above said John Penniman with good and sufficient meat, drink, apparrell, washing & Lodging & with all other things necessary and convenient in sickness & in health during ye time & terme of his the s^d John Penniman's natural life. And to save ye Town for ever from any charge therein, upon the true & faithful performance whereof the abovesaid obligation is to be utterly void and of none effect, but if there be failure hereof contrary to the true intent & meaning of these presents, then to abide in full force & virtue, Samuel Penniman.

Witness,
Mary Adams,
Peter Adams.

A true coppy of the above said Bond.
Attest, Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

November the 10th. 1712.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. moderator for the Day.

Then voted that thirty five pounds shall be raised forthwith to defray Town charges.

Then voted that Col. Quinsey with the present Selectmen or any two of them should be a committee to call the Town Treasurers to an account from the year 1706 about their laying out the Towns money.

Then also voted that captain John Mills, Lt. John Cleverly, Ensign William Veasey Mr Nehemiah Hayden and Serjeant Samuel Ffrench be confirmed to be a Committee as before was granted

to inspect & prosicute all encroachment upon highways Private & common's within the Town.

Then also voted that all horses or horse kind that shall be taken damage feasant (after notice first given in any corn ffield or other inclosure being unfettered or otherwise, equivolently [113] restrained from the first of March to the last of November yearly shall forfeit and pay to the use of the poor of the Town three shillings besides answering the law

Then also it was voted, That all swine taken damage feasant after first, notice given, in any corn ffield or other inclosure from the first of March to the last of November yearly not sufficiently yoked and ringed as the law directs shall forfeit & pay to the use of the poor of the Town one shilling ℔ head besides answering the Law.

January ye 12th. 1712/13.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled, then chose Captain John Mills Moderator, fcr that day It was then voted thet no person whatsoever shall cut any walnut or oak wood off of the common Lands, under Twelve inches over at the stump, a foot from the ground for the Space of Twelve years comeing, on the penalty of five shillings ℔er Tree and Three shillings of the five to be paid to the Committee which were then chosen to witt Ensign Samuel Baxter, John Marshall & Moses curtis, who were upon information to prosicute the same) and the other Two shillings to ye enformer.

March the 2^d 1712/13

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled then chose Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

Selectmen were then chose viz. Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard.
Lt. Joseph Neall.
Lt John Cleverly.
Ensign Peter Adams
Mr. Nehemiah Hayden.

Ebenezer Spear and Joseph Ruggles were chose Constables at the same time, but they both presently & positively refused to serve, whereupon the Town proceeded to chuse others, and then chose Thomas White and Joseph Nightingal Constables, but that very day Ebenezer Spear better considered & accepted & was sworn

Town Treasurer was Joseph Crosbye

[114] Tithing men were En. Samuel Baxter.
Samuel Belcher.
Samuel Payne.
Samuel White.

Surveyors were Mr. William Rawson.
William Savel
Samuel Payne Junr.
John Thayer Junr.

Fence Viewers were	En. Samuel Baxter.
	Jn°. Beall
	Peter Hobart.
	and Benjamin Allin.
Field Drivers were	Samuel Penniman
	Nathaniel Owen Senior
	Richard Faxson
	John Allin.
Sealer of Leather	John Beall.
Sealer of weights & measures	James Bracket.
Town Clerk, was,	Jos. Parmenter.

March ye 2^d. 1712/13.

It was then voted, That the present selectmen be a Committee fully impowered, to stake out the Ancient way (not exceeding a Rod wide) over Rock Island Creek To the towns Lands & meadow with this proviso, that the particular Persons that are interested in the Lands & meadow on Rock Island side and their Heirs forever, do bear their proportionable part, besides their part, as they are inhabitants of the Town, to the making & maintaining of it) against this vote John Hollis and Samuel Penniman entred their dissent.

March 2^d. 1712/13

At the same time it was voted, that the orders made by ye Town about horses and swine november 10th. 1712 are repealed.

May the 15th. 1713.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled then chose Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. their Representative for the year ensuing.

[115] June the 8th. 1713.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Regularly assembled, they then Chose Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for y^t day.

It was then voted that Co^l. Quinsey, Captain Chapin & Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard be a Committee to go and search the records, about the courts grant of 6000 acres of land to this town, and if they find the time lapsed for the taking of it up, they are then impowered to Petition ye Honoured court for a confirmation of ye said grant.

June ye 8th. 1713.

Then also voted, on the Negative that neither the persons impowered in a former vote of the Town (many years since) to find & lay out the 6000 acres of land granted to this Town by ye Court nor their successors should now have what was then granted (the time for doing of it being laps'd) which was fifteen hundred acres, nor go again on that foot.

Then voted that Capt Chapin Peter Webb and Joseph Crosby

be a Committee to find & lay out the 6000 acres of land formerly granted by the Honoured Court to this Town and to do what is needful to be done about the same in ye space of one year and shall have for their so doing Thirty Pounds if the thing be effected, otherwise nothing, and if Captain Chapin should refuse to go then Captain Mills to be joyn'd to ye other two.

October ye 21st. 1713.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled then chose M^r. William Rawson moderator for that day

Then voted, that Thirty Pounds money be raised forthwith for the defraying Town charges.

It was then voted that Joseph Parmenter should have Twenty shillings for serving the Town as Town Clerk for the year past.

December 28th. 1713.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Regularly assembled Then chose Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for y^t Day. Then voted that the Parents or Masters of all children or servants, that go to school shall forthwith that is to say upon their first, or next appearance at the school and so from this day until the first of April next coming deliver in to the [116] Present school master for the use of the school, at the schoolhouse, Three foot of cord wood, to be the proportion of each child or servant for this year.

December 28th. 1713.

Then voted that Lt. John Cleverly, Ensign William Veasey and Benjamin Neall be a committee to look after the towns wood till the Towns meeting next march and then to make report of their opinyon to ye Town.

Braintree 1st. March 1713/14.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Lawfully convened chose Co^l. Quinsey Moderator for that day.

Joseph Parmenter was then chosen clerk.

Selectmen were,	Capt. John Mills. Deacon Allin. Lt. John Cleverly. Ensign Peter Adams. Sergeant Nehemiah Hayden.
Constables.	Samuel Penniman. Thomas White.
Town Treasurer	Mr. Joseph Crosbye.
Tything men	Deacon Moses Payn Benjamin Webb. Sergeant Samuel Payn. Saml. White senior.
Surveyors,	Benjamin Beall. serjeant Nathaniel Spear. Samuel French. Ebenezer Spear.

Fence Viewers, Joseph Bracket, John Bass Junior.
Thomas French, Joseph Allin Junior.

The meet persons that were then chosen, to se to that Act as to Regulation of swine were Moses Curtis Jonathan Newcomb, Samuel Hayden son of Nehemiah Hayden and John French son of Dependence French.

[117] Sealer of Leather, was John Beall.

March 1st. 1713/14

Then voted that the present selectmen for the year ensuing should in some convenient time as soon as may be, go and stake out a way from Pens Hill (so called) to Nightingals according to the Report made by the Committe who have viewed the same.

1st March 1713/14.

then also it was voted that the present selectmen shall go and stake out a private Townway from Joseph Whites to Benjamin Clarks as ye way now runs.

Braintry May the 17th. 1714.

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town Regularly assembled, they then chose Captain Mills, Moderator for that day.

And Col Quinsey was then chosen their Representative for ye year ensuing

Ephraim Thayer, was then chose Constable for the year ensuing

May ye 17th. 1714)

it was then voted by the Inhabitants aforesaid that the wood of the Towns Land should be cut down, all that is fit for cutting into wood, and the Committee then chosen for to make sale of the wood and Timber on said Land and to doe for the Town (on that behalf) as they would for themselves were. Col Quinsey, Lt. John Cleverly and Mr Nehemiah Hayden

Then also voted, that the Grant of the 6000 Acres of Land by the Honoured Court to this Town should be sold

Then also voted that Col. Quinsey, Capt. Mills and Mr. Joseph Crosbye should be a Committee appointed and impowered to sell the aforesaid Granted Land except they do discover any Method more beneficial for the good of the Town.

It was voted at the same time, that the present Selectmen or any Three of them shall let Mr. Benjamin Webb the old school house for some time, as they and he shall agree.

At a Second session of the General Court held at Boston the 11th. October, 1666.

In answer to the Petition of the Inhabitants of Braintrey The Court in Considerations of the Reasons therein expressed, [118] Judge meet to Grant unto them six thousand acres of Land in some place Limitted to one Place, not prejudiceing any Plantation or particular Grant.

Lib° pr. 579 Copy as of Record,) Examined
℘ Isac. Addington Secr'y.

A true Copy taken by me the 20th. Day of May 1714.
Joseph Parmenter, Town Clerk.

November, the 1st. 1714.
the Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose Col. Quinsey Moderator for that day.

Then voted that the money formerly given to this Town by Mr Samuel Veasey deceased, (now in some persons hands) be demanded & forthwith sued for, by the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town school.

Then also voted that Forty Pounds money be forthwith raised, for the defraying Town charges.

November the 29th.
The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Representative for the present year.

March the 7th. 1714/15
The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

Selectmen were
Deacon Joseph Allin.
Lt. Joseph Neall.
Mr. James Brackett
Mr. Samuel French.
Mr. John Baxter.

The Constables were Mr William Rawson, Junior and Mr. Samuel White Junior. But Mr. Rawson refusing to serve they then chose Mr John Beall Constable, who hired Nathaniel Owen Senior to serve for him and was by the Town accepted in said Bealls Room.

[119] Town Treasurer was Mr. Joseph Crosbye

Tithing men were Deacon Benjamin Savel & Saml Payn senior,

Surveyors of highways were Mr. William Rawson senior.
Mr. Joseph Adams.
Ephraim Jones.
Benjamin Allin

Fence Viewers, were
Nathan Brackett.
David Bass
Ephraim Thayer.
Thomas Vinton.

The meet persons then chose to se to that act relating to swine &c were
John Heins
Nathaniel Owen junior
William Bowdige
Samuel French Junior.

Then voted that the Committee formerly chosen on November 1712 who were Captain John Mills Lt John Cleverly Ensign William Veasey Mr. Nehemiah Hayden & Sergeant Saml. French to inspect & prosicute all incroachments upon Highways Private & commons within the Town, be further impowered to enquire into

state and settle the lines or Bounderies between the Towns Common Lands and particular proprietors Lands adjoining) if upon enquiry the said lines be discovered to their satisfaction) if not to make report to the Town at their next meeting.

April ye 11th. 1715.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Regularly Assembled they then chose Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Moderator for that day.

Then voted that a Town way over the River by Ephraim Jones to cochato is n^t thought necessary to be done.

Then also voted, that the present selectmen draw up a by-law for the prevention of Dogs coming into the Meeting-houses, in the time of Publick worship, and that annexed, with a penalty as they should see meet on the owners thereof, and that some meet persons be procured by them to se after them.

[120] April the 11th. 1715.

Then voted that Co^l. Quinsey be joyned to the present Selectmen in setling and adjusting the accounts of ye Town with the present Treasurer and others as there may be need.

Then also voted that the Publishments of Marriages for the future to be set up upon the foreside of the most Publick Doors of the meeting houses in said Town.

May the 11th. 1715.

the Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose Deacon Joseph Allin their Representative,

June the 24th. 1715.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Regularly assembled, Liev^t. John Baxter was voted Moderator,

Then voted that Mr. Joseph Neall, Mr. Joseph Allin and Mr. Samuel French, be a Committee impowered in the name & behalf of the Town, to shew cause why the present Selectmen refused to run the line between said Town and Weymouth, and further to defend y^e said Town of Braintry in answering to the information filed against the Selectmen thereof at the next Inferior Court and in case their should be ocation to Prefer a Petition to the next session of the General Assembly relating to y_o premises.

Then also voted, whereas the Select men of Weymouth have filed an Information in the clarks office of the Inferior Court at Boston, setting forth, that the Selectmen of this Town, have refused to run the line, betwixt the Two Towns, And thereupon obtained a summons to the said Selectmen of this Town, for their appearance to answer to the said Information,

Voted, that the honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr., Captain John Mills Lev^t. Joseph Neall and Mr. William Rawson be Committee fully impowered to treat with the said Selectmen of Weymouth respecting the said line and to settle the same, in the name and behalf of this Town as to them shall seem reasonable. Pursuant to the Records of the General Court.

[121] August the 16th. 1715.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose Col. Quinsey Moderator for that day.

Then voted that the Report of the Committee (chosen in April Last past for the settling & adjusting the accounts of the Town with the Town Treasurer &c (should be accepted, about what was now due to the Town (being about 28 Pounds) and that the Present Town Treasurer should sue for & recover ye same for ye use of ye Town.

August ye 16th. 1715.

For the better & more effectual management & improvement of the stones of the common or undivided lands of the Town it was then Voted, That no person shall dig nor carry off any stones on the said common or undivided lands upon any account whatsoever, without license from the Committee hereafter named upon penalty of the forfeiture of ten shillings for each & every cart load so dug and carry'd away, one quarter part to be to said Committee in full satisfaction for their care & pains and the other three quarters for the use of the Town.

Instructions to the Committee were.

First. That the Committee shall give no license to any Person to dig or carry off any stones from said Lands, to make sale or merchandise thereof without the Town's Direction.

Secondly. That the Committee may & shall give license to any & every Person in this town for such a quantity of stones as he or they shall stand in need of for their own proper use in this town.

Thirdly That the Committee shall or may seize all stones that they shall find dug or carted on & off said common Lands, the digger or carter whereof is not known, and the same dispose of to the best advantage for the Town, by sale, or otherwise, deducting one quarter part thereof to themselves in full satisfaction as above said.

The Committee then Chosen were Captain John Mills Lt. Jno Cleverly, Ensign Peter Adams. Then voted yt any two of said Committee shall have power to give License for getting stones

Voted at the same time that the Committee chosen last June, to answer the information fiel'd agst. them by Weymouth men at the court last past, that their power be revived to answer it at next October Court.

[122] August the 16th. 1715.

Then voted that Col. Quinsey if he se cause and have oppertunity, should prefer a Petition to the next, General sessions, in order to a settling of the line between Braintry & Weymouth.

September 26th. 1715.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator.

Then voted that Col. Edmund Quinsey, Esq. Captain John Mills, Lt. John Cleverly & Deacon Gregory Belcher be added to the

Committee that was chosen last June to answer the information filed against the selectmen (by weymouth men at the court.

Then voted that the said Committee be impoured to prefer a Petition (if they shall se occasion) to the court, Relating to the premises.

Then also voted that the said Committee procure a Surveyor (at the Towns charge) to try ye line in contriversey between Weymouth & Braintree men.

Whereas there was a Committee formerly chosen to sell the 6000 Acres of Land granted by ye Court to this Town.

Voted that any Two of them be a Committee impowered to sell said lands.

September 26th. 1715

the Present Selectmen agreed with Lt. John Cleverly for his son Johns keeping school, this present year, for thirty four pounds, to be paid him out of the rent of ye school Lands, And ye remainder to be made up out of ye towns stock.

Entre^d by order of ye Selec't men

Attest, Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

[123] December the 26th. 1715.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose Co^l. Quinsey Esqr. Moderator that day.

Then voted that forty eight Pounds money be forthwith raised for the defraying Town Charges

Whereas the Committee lately appointed & impowered to lay out & get the confirmation of the 6000 Acres Grant) have this day made a Report to the Town thereof about the laying out of the same it was voted that the same was accepted according to said report.

Then voted that the charges raised for the laying out of the 6000 acres of land granted as aforesaid be proportioned as other Town charges be raised. And also then voted that the Town Treasurer, Mr Joseph Crosbye should receive it.

Then voted, that the Parents, or masters of all children or servants going to schools shall, that is to say upon their first or next appearance at the school, from this day deliver into the present Schoolmaster, for the use of the schoolhouse three foot of cord wood to be the proportion of each child or servant for this year.

Then also voted that the money^s Received for the wood of the Town, be let out for the use of said town.

March the 5th. 1715/16

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose the Honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

The Selectmen that were then chosen for the ensuing year were

Mr. Nehemiah Hayden

Mr. Samuel French.

Mr. Joseph Adams.
Ensign Peter Adams.
Mr. Peter Webb.

At the same time Joseph Parmenter was chosen Town Clerk.

And Mr Joseph Crosbye Town Treasurer.

The Constables were Mr. William Rawson Junior and Cornelius Thayer, but the said Cornelius Thayer did refuse to serve.

[124] March ye 5th. 1715/16

Tithingmen were then chosen who were Jn°. Marshall & Josiah Hobart.

Surveyors of Highways were Lt Jn° Cleverly John Marsh, Josiah Faxon, Joseph Allen Junior.

Fence Viewers, were Nathan Bracket, David Bass, Richard Thayer Junior Peter Hobart.

The persons meet to se to the act Relating to swine were
- Moses Curtis
- Jonathan Newcomb
- Samuel Arnold
- Ephraim Jones.

Sealer of Leather was John Beall.

March 5th. 1715/16.

It being by the Moderator moved whether the Courts Grant of 6000 acres of land to this Town should be sold it was voted on ye negative

It was then voted that Thirty Pounds money should be raised for ye defraying Town charges. £ 30

Voted, that what the late Committee had done about ye school Land wood was Received & accepted.

Voted that the present selectmen be a Committee to here & receive the accoumpts of ye Constables & Collectors of this town, as to their areers & Deficiencys which have happened in their Rates.

There not being time to accomplish what was this day to be done the moderator adjourned the meeting till Munday the 19th instant at three o'clock.

Munday the 19th. March 1715/16

by adjournment the Inhabitants of Braintree being assembled chose Benjamin Hubbard Constable for the ensuing year.

Then voted That the consideration of disposing or repairing the old School House and the school in gen'ral be refered to the next Town meeting.

Then voted that John Hollis have allowance made him for the use of a way over his land to the Towns land.

It was then also voted that the present selectmen or any three of them be a Committee to agree with John Hollis as to recompencing him for the use of a way through his land to the Towns land

May ye 14th. 1716.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled they then chose Captain John Mills their Representative for ye year ensuing.

They then chose the honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

They then chose Nehemiah Hayden, Junior Constable but he refusing to serve they on the same day chose Benjamin Allin, who hired Samuel Arnold to serve for him, and was by ye Town accepted in said Allins Room & stead.

May ye 14th. 1716

Voted, by ye Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled that there should be a school kept in the south end of this Town, for one half of the year, each year yearly, beginning the first day of October yearly, for reading & writing (besides the present Gramer school) and that to be at the charge of ye Town.

It was then put to the vote whether the old school house should be repaired, and it passed in the negative.

May ye 14th. 1716.

then voted, that an house be erected for the acomidating of a grammer School in this Town, which shall be in some convenient place as soon as may be, between the north Meeting house & Mr. Benjamin Webbs land, by the committee hereafter named & appointed as they should see meet. against this vote Captain John Mills entre'd his Dissent.

May ye 14th. 1716.

Then also voted, that a convenient School house for writing & reading be built & set up in some conveniant Place in the south end of this Town, near ye meeting house as soon as may be, and as the Committee hereafter named and appointed shall see meet, at the charge of ye town.

The Committee chosen for the service aforesaid
were Mr Nehemiah Hayden
Lt. Joseph Neall
Mr. John Ruggles.
Mr. Thomas White.
Mr. Joseph Crosbye.

May ye 14th. 1716.

Voted that Fifteen Pounds be paid by the Town Treasurer, out of ye Towns money in his hands, to the Committee chosen to see to the erecting the school houses in said town.

[126] August the 3^{d}. 1716.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly Assembled then chose Major Jno. Quinsey Moderator for that day.

Then voted that Captain John Mills Mr. William Rawson and Mr. John Wilde be a Committee to inquire into & take an account of the charge of Repairing menaticut Bridge, and to make applycation to the Quarter Sessions in order to their allowing a part of said charge.

August ye 3^d. 1716.
then voted that the committee chosen ye 14th. of May last to erect Two new school houses in this town, be further impowered to make use of the glass stones & Bricks of the two old school houses about the Two new ones.

September the 17th. 1716.
The Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled then chose the Honourable Co^l. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.
Then voted that Forty four Pounds & ten shillings money be raised forthwith in addition to the Thirty Pounds granted last March for defraying Town charges.
Upon a motion made by the committee chosen last may to erect a Grammer School house in ye north Precinct whether the town would defend them from any prosicution at Law for so doing it passed on the affirmative
The Moderator moved to the Town whether ye old School house by Deacon Belchers shall be disposed of as the committee hereafter appointed should se meet, it passed on the affirmative
It was then likewise motioned by ye moderator, whether the old school house near Mr. Benjamin Webbs should be also disposed of as the committee hereafter appointed should se meet, it passed in ye affirmative.

[127] September ye 17th. 1716.
It was moved by ye Moderator to ye town whether the Former Committee chosen last may to erect ye two new school houses should be ye committee to dispose of ye two old school houses, and it passed in ye affirmative
Upon a motion of Mr. Benjamin Webb, to the Town whether he might have the use of ye old School house near him (excepting ye stone & brick) for the securing of his hay till ye first of may next, it passed in ye affirmative

September the 17th. 1716.
after which the said old house was sold by the Committee to the said Benjamin Webb for three pounds, paid to ye Treasur^r.
Then voted by ye Inhabitants of Braintry Regularly assembled that menatiqud Bridge should be forthwith effectually Repaired at ye charge of ye Town by the Committee hereafter appointed.
Then also voted that ye Present selectmen be a Committee impowered to Repair said Bridge.

Braintry March the 4th. 1716/17
The Inhabitants of Braintry, Regularly Assembled then chose ye honoured Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.
Then voted that a Town Clerk & Town Treasurer should be chosen for the time to come by written votes.
Joseph Parmenter was then chosen Town Clerk.
The Constables y^t were then chosen was Mr. Peter Webb & Mr Joseph Crosby, Mr. Peter Webb refused to serve, but Mr. Joseph

Crosby hired Mr. Nathaniel Owen to serve in his room, & stead, and said Owen was accepted by the Town, manifested by their usial sign of lifting up the hand and Mr. Ephraim Jones was then chosen Constable.

Select men were

Mr. Jos. Adams.
Mr. Samuel French.
Mr. Benjamin Webb.
Mr. Benjamin Beall.
Mr. Samuel Allin.

Deacon Moses Payne was then chosen Town Treasurer.

Tithingmen were Joseph Nightingal, Samuel Savil, Josiah Faxson, Ephraim Thayer.

Surveyors of Highways, was En. Samuel Baxter, Mr. Nathaniel Owen, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, Mr. John Wild

Fence Viewers, Moses Belcher senior, John Thayer, son of John Thayer

The meet Persons chosen to se to that Act relating to swine were Moses Curtis, John Vesey, John Hayden, Thomas Vinton.

Sealer of Leather, was John Beall.

[128] March 4th. 1716/17

Then voted that the present select men be a Committee to take the oversight and care of menatiquod Bridge by Deacon Allins until further orders.

Then voted, that no wood nor Timber should be cutt nor carry'd off the Town's common by any Person whomsoever till the Town take further order, and that Ensign Saml. Baxter, Moses Curtis and Joseph Nightingal be a committee to take care of the same

Then voted that there shall be allowed & paid out of the Towns Treasury Twenty shillings to each person who shall keep a good and sufficient Bull of two years old at least for the use of the town from the Last of March current, to the first of December, next ensuing, and shall sometime in this present month March enter the same with the Town Clerk.

At the same time it was voted that all boares of six months old and upwards running at large for the use of the town, shall be allowed to run without yoaks & Rings.

Then voted that the parents or Masters of all children and servants going to school shall pay in to the present school Master, for the use of the school Three foot of cord wood to be the proportion of each child, or servant for the year ensuing.

May the 10th. 1717.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Lawfully assembled, Then chose Major John Quinsey Esqr. their Representative for the year ensuing.

At the same time the Honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr. was chosen Moderator for that day.

Then voted that Deacon Moses Payne, the Present Town Treasurer, should demand (and if need be sue for) the money remaining in Mr Samuel Marshall's hands (of Boston) which

was given by Mr. Samuel Vesey to the Free school of this Town, in and by his last will & Testament and that according to the Tenour of said will.

[129] Then voted that the Present select men with the honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr. bee, and are hereby instructed to draw up an order or by-law as near as may be, to the late vote of the Town respecting the management & improvement of the stones in the common, for the use & benefit of the Town, and present it to the next Sessions for their confirmation.

Then voted, that the hereafter mentioned Committee be impowered to inspect all encroachments (if any be) on common & private highways, belonging to this Town, and the lines & Boundaries betwixt common Lands and private persons & make report thereof to the Town.

Then voted that the present Select men be a Committee to inquire into, and inspect all such said incroachments, and that Major John Quinsey Esqr., and Mr. Nehemiah Hayden be added to the aforesaid Committee. to Joyn with them in the aforesaid service.

At the same time voted that Mr. Samuel Allin, Mr. Jonathan Hayward, and Mr. Benjamin Neall, be a Committee to take care (as soon as may be) effectually to Repair Menatiquod Bridge (near the Iron works,) by letting of it out to some meet Persons to do said work at the charge of the Town.

Voted, then also, that Lt. Joseph Neall, Ensign Peter Adams Mr. Samuel French, be a Committee to assist the Present Town Treasurer, (Deacon Moses Payn) to Just accounts with Mr. Crosbie, late Treasurer, for the town.

It was then voted that their should be a Reconsideration of the late vote of ye Town, about the new school house frame set up.

May ye 10th. 1717.

Then voted that Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Lt. Joseph Neall and Mr. Nehemiah Hayden be a Committee to make a survey of the common Lands, belonging to ye Town and inquire thereinto and make report to the Town what number of sheep said Lands may keep.

May ye 10th. 1717.

£. 4–0–0 then voted, that Joseph Parmenter should have four Pounds for his service as Town Clerk, from the 21st. of October 1713 till ye first munday of March next ensuing.

£ 4– Then voted that Mr. Joseph Crosbie should have four Pounds for his services (as Town Treasurer) the years past.

July 22^{d}. 1717.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled Then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for y^{t} day.

Then voted that Deacon Moses Payn the Present Town Treasurer Take of Mr. Samuel Marshall of Boston Four Pounds in Bills of Credit in lieu of the six Pounds yet remaining in his

hands, that is due to the Town of a Legacy given to said Town, by Mr. Samuel Vesey, in and by his last will & Testament & give said Marshall, in the name of ye Town, a full discharge for said Legacy.

Then voted that one hundred & Twenty Pounds be raised forthwith for the defreying of the charges that have arisen & shall arise for this present year.

July 22, 1717

Upon a motion made concerning Hannah Walseby voted, that ye present Select men shall forthwith take care to agree (if they se cause) with the executors to the will of Joseph Bass, Deceased, as to a legacy given by him said Bass, to said Walesby in said will, and if not make report to ye Town at the next Town meeting.

Braintree, August the 5th. 1717.

upon a Publick Town meeting (by adjournment from July the 22^d. 1717.) The Moderator being absent. the Inhabitants then assembled, chose Mr. Samuel French, Moderator for at Present meeting and said meeting was adjourned until ye first munday in September following, at Four of the clock in the afternoon.

[131] Braintry September, the 2^d. 1717.

at A. Public Town meeting by adjournment from August the 5th. 1717, It was then voted, that the Petition then presented & read to the Town should be presented to the Great and General Court at their next sessions for their consideration, by our present Representative, in the name and behalf of the Town.

Braintree, December the 2^d. 1717.

The Inhabitants of Braintre. Regularly Assembled, they then chose Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, Moderator for that day.

Then voted that Twenty Pounds more in money be forthwith raised for the defreying Town charges and relief of Thomas Wells.

Upon Reading the Memorial and Petition of the Honourable Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. and Mr. Joseph Crosbey,

Then voted that the said Memorial be referred to be considred next March meeting.

Braintree March the 3^d. 1717/18

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled they then chose Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that Day

They then chose by votes Joseph Parmenter Clerk.

They then chose Mr. Ebenezer Hinkley and Nathaniel Blanchard Constables, but upon their request to be spared this year they were both released, and they then chose Samuel Tompson and Joseph Allin junior Constables, but on Samuel Tompsons Request he was likewise released, and upon Joseph Allin's Request Mr. Jones the then Constable (being hired by him) was accepted in said Allins Rome, and Mr. John Marsh, was chose constable, and

on his Request Mr. Moses Curtis (being hired by him) was accepted by the Town in his Rome

The Selectmen were Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. Benjamin Beall, Mr. Samuel Allin, Mr. Peter Hobart, Mr. Samuel White Junior.

[132] Town Treasurer, was Deacon Moses Payn.

Tithing men, were Lt. John Cleverly and Moses Curtis, likewise Mr Samuel French and Mr. William Hunt.

Surveyors of Highways were Joseph Nightingal, Moses, Belcher, Senior John Wild senior & Cornelius Thayer.

Fence Viewers were Richard Thayer Smith, Nehemiah Hayden, Peter Newcomb, senior, Nathaniel Spear, senior.

Meet persons to look (after swine were John Hunt John Thayer, son of Richard Thayer, Samuel Wild, John Copeland Moses Belcher, Junior, Samuel Bass, Drumer son.

Sealer of Leather, John Beall.

Sealer of weights & measures, James Brackett.

Then voted that there be abated to the widow & children of Mr. Peter Webb, Deceased, Three Pounds Ten shillings of his five Pound Bond, in ye Present Town Treasurers hands.

The question being put by the Moderator whether or no they would agree upon a Rule of Proportion or Divission of the six thousand Acres of Land granted by the Court to this Town, it passed on ye negative.

£2.0–0 Then voted, that Deacon Moses Payn, the Present Town Treasurer, be allowed to take Forty shillings out of the money of the Towns Treasury in his hands for his service as Town Treasurer for the year past, and this present year ensuing.

Voted, that Ebenezer Thayer should have another year allowed him for the taking off the wood on the Towns land which he was to have of the Town.

Voted, that the disposing of the Towns Land be referred, untill next May meeting.

Then voted that the Memorial of the Honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr. and Mr. Joseph Crosby be referr'd until next May meeting.

Then voted, that the request of Josiah Faxson about settling the bounds between his and the Towns Land be (also) referr'd to the above said May meeting.

[133] May the 12th. 1718.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled they then chose Captain John Mills their Representative.

They then chose Major John Quinsey Esqr. Moderator.

May the 12th. 1718.

the Question being then put by the Moderator, whether they would have Bulls kept for the use of the Town it was voted on ye affirmative.

Then voted that there be ten shillings allowed out of ye Towns Treasury to every Person who shall keep a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at least, for the use of ye Town for five years next

coming, and all such Bulls to be entre'd by the last of March yearly and every year during said five years, and to be kept to the first of November following yearly.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to lett ye Town's Lands and that there should be of that committee Three persons chosen.

The committee to Lett the Towns Lands, then chosen were Capt. John Mills, Lt. John Cleverly and Mr. Benjamin Neall.

Then voted, that the Towns Lands & meadows should be Lett for 12 years.

Voted, at the same time that the heither part of the Towns Lands joyning to the Land of William Savel, Deceased should ly to be improved only for pausture, the said twelve years.

Then voted that about the middle of the said term of 12 years, that three crops of grain may be took off of the remainder of the Towns land.

Voted, that the rents of the Towns Lands be paid in to the Towns Treasurer for the support of ye Grammer School.

Then voted that their should be a committee chosen to settle the bounds between the Towns Lands and Josiah Faxsons Lands.

Voted, that a committee be chosen to make a final settlement of ye Lines & Boundaries betwixt common Lands and Private Persons, and to make Report thereof to the Town.

The Committee y^n. chosen, were the honourable Edmund Quinsey Esqr.

Capt. John Mills.
Mr. Dependence French.
Mr. Samuel French.

[134] May the 12th. 1718.

The Moderator then moved it whether the Memorial of Col. Quinsey and Mr. Joseph Crosbie referr'd till this may meeting would be now considered on, it passed in ye negative.

May ye 12th. 1718.

voted, that Major John Quinsey Esqr. should have liberty to make half a ditch fence upon the Towns Land in the line Between the Towns Land and said Quinseys he allowing the same liberty for the town if they shall se cause.

May ye 12th. 1718.

Then voted that Eliezer Isgate have liberty for getting stones off of the common (with his own hands) what he pleases, and that without paying for them.

August the 4th. 1718.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose the honourable Edmund Quinsey Esq Moderator for y^t Day.

Then voted that the Interest money of the Towns that now is or may be in the hands of the Town Treasurer shall be paid out for the defreying the Towns charges at the order of the Select men.

Then voted, that Eighty Five Pounds money be forthwith raised for the defreying the charges risen & arising in the town.

March, ye 2^d. 1718/19.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose the honoured Edmund Quinsey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

Then they chose Jos. Parmenter Clerk for ye year ensuing.

The Selectmen then chosen were Mr. Benjamin Webb.
Mr Benjamin Beall.
Mr. Samuel White
Mr. Samuel Allin
Mr. Samuel Baxter

Then voted, that the Present selectmen be assessors for the year ensuing.

The Constables then chosen were Mr. Ebenezer Hinckley, and Mr. David Rawson, but said Rawson refused to serve & paid Five Pounds to Deacon Pain Town Treasurer, and said Hinckley hired Nathaniel Owen, who was accepted by the Town in his Room.

[135] The Town then chose Thomas Vinton Constable

They chose Deacon Moses Payne, Town Treasurer for ye ensuing year. Then voted that he should have Thirty shillings for his service, in case he continued in said service ye year ensuing.

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Surveyors of Highways then chosen were
Lt. Peter Adams, Benjamin Neall,
Josiah Hobart, Cornelius Thayer.

Fence Viewers, were Samuel Savel senior Jonathan Newcomb,
and Ebenezer Thayer, Josiah Faxon.

The meet persons to se after the Act relating to swine,
were Saml. Vesey, David Bass, Richard Thayer
son of Nathaniel Thayer & William Hunt.

Sealer of Leather was John Beall

Sealer of Weights & Measures was John Bass.

March 2^d. 1718/19.

Then voted that Joseph Parmenter should have for his service the year past as clerk and for writing of leases &c for ye Town Twenty six shillings

Then voted That there be Thirty shillings allowed out of ye Towns Treasury, to every Person who shall keep a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at the least, in a good pasture for ye use of ye Town, ye year ensuing, and every such Bull to be entred by ye Town Clerk, sometime in March.

Then voted, likewise that there be Twenty shillings allowed out of the Towns Treasury, to every Person who shall keep a good sufficient Bull Running at large, approved of by any one or more of the Selectmen, said Bull to be for the use of ye Town, and entre'd by ye clerk as aforesaid.

Then voted that there be Five shillings allowed out of ye Towns Treasury, to every person, that shall keep a good sufficient

Boar, of six months old at least, for ye use of ye Town, the ensuing year and entred by ye clerk as aforesaid

Voted, That the present Selectmen draw up an order or Bye Law, as to the restraining of Rams: running at Large with a penaltie not exceeding five shillings & present the same to ye Quarter Sessions for their confirmation.

[136] Braintree March the 23^d. 1718/19.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled, then chose (by written votes) Captain John Mills, Moderator for that day.

March ye 23^d. 1718/19

it was Then moved by the Moderator, whether or no the Town would stand by the Select men, in their Laying out a way through Col. Quinseys and some others Lands (at their consent) where the way was before, and it passed in the affirmative.

March 23^d. 1718/19.

at the same time it was then propounded by the Moderator whether the Town would choose a committee to treat or agree with Edmund Quinsey Esqr. as to any recompense for the way lately laid out by the selectmen, over his & some others Lands, it passed on the negative.

Then moved by the Moderator, whether or no the 6000 acres of Land, granted and lately confirmed by the honoured, Court, should be sold, it passed in ye negative.

March 23^d. 1718/19

The Moderator then propounded whether the Town would choose a Committee to consider who are or ought to be proprietors of said land, and to make report thereof at the next Town meeting, it passed in the affirmative.

Then voted that seven persons should be chosen for a Committee to attend said service.

The Committee then chosen were
- Lt. Joseph Neall
- Deacon Samuel Bass.
- Lt John Cleverly.
- M^r. Joseph Adams.
- Mr. Samuel White
- Mr. Joseph Crosbie.
- Mr. Peter Hobart.

March 23^d. 1718/19.

Then voted that the present select men, doe, goe & view that way that is laid out in the South Precinct, from the country road by John Thayers and so by the meeting house through that street till they come to the Country Road againe by John Copelands Barn, and to doe what they shall then think necessary to be done

[137] The warrant for the aforesaid meeting was as followeth.

Suffolk ss. To Mr. Nathaniel Owen Constable of Braintree, Greeting, you are desired & Required forthwith to warn all the

Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, Qualified according to law, to vote in Town affairs, That they meet at ye old meeting house in said Town on Monday the 23^d. Day of this instant March, by nine of ye clock in ye Forenoon. Then and there to consider of Debate upon and agree about, an answer to ye petition of Edmund Quincy Esqr. and Mr. Joseph Crosbie Relating to a Private Drift way through their land &c. As also about managing, Improving Dividing or Disposing of ye six thousand Acres of undivided or common Land: lately laid out & confirmed to ye Town by order of the honoured General Court. As likewise to consider further about any other Town ways, hereof fail not, making returne of your doings herein, to one or more of the select men, on or before said Day dated in Braintree the 16th. Day of March in the year of our Lord 1718/19 and in the Fifth year of his majesties Reign.

By order of the Selectmen Jos. Parmenter Town Clerk.

the return made was as followeth. Pursuant to the within written warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of ye town as therein Required & Directed.

Nathaniel Owen, Constable.

A true copy of ye warrant & returne Attest,

Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

Braintree, May ye 11th. 1719.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled, then chose Major John Quinsey Esqr. Their Representative for ye year ensuing.

May ye 11th. 1719.

the moderator then chosen for y^t Day was John Quincey Esqr.

May ye 11th. 1719

Deacon Samuel Bass one of ye Committee chosen by ye Town last march meeting, did on ye behalf of said Committee make this Returne, that it was ye opinion of said Committee, That ye 6000 Acres of Land which was formerly granted, & lately confirmed by ye honoured Court to this Town belonged to the Persons that were then Freeholders & to their Posterity.

It was then moved by ye moderator, whether or no the matter Relating to said lands should be deferred to the next Town meeting, it passed on the affirmative

[135] August, the 7th. 1719.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully assembled then chose Captain John Mills Moderator for y^t day.

£70. It was then voted, that seventy Pounds money be raised forthwith for the Defreying the Towns charges for this present year.

It was then propounded by the moderator whether or no they would chuse a committee to Treat & Agree with the Honoured Edmund Quinsey Esqr. or any other Person (in this Town) about

any demands that they have to make about highways. it passed on the affirmative.

Then voted that ye Present select men be a committee for said purpose.

It was then voted that Captain John Mills & Lt John Cleverly be added to the Committee of said Selectmen for ye end aforesaid

It was also then voted, that any three of said Committee be impowered to Defend the Town at Court, against any Person or Persons in case of their non agreement.

Voted, That the matter Relating to the 6000 acres of Land be continued to the next March General Town Meeting

Braintree December, the 28th. 1719

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled, Then chose ye Honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

December the 28th. 1719.

the committee chosen the last Town meeting being August ye 7th. 1719, to Treat & Agree with the Honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. or any other Person (in this Town) about any demands that they had to make about high wayes. They made their Report as followeth. That they were of opinion [139] That the Records on the Towns Book Relating to an highway or Town drift way, through the Lands of the said Quincey &c as may appear on Record, baring Date February ye 15th. 1714/15 be erased made void, and be as tho it had never been.

And it was then voted that the report of said Committee should be accepted with ye Town.

Braintree December ye 28th. 1719.

It was then moved by the moderator whether or no the Town would allow Mr. Samuel White any pay or no, for a way laid out by the select men may the 21st. in ye year 1690, (as appears on Record) it passed in ye negative.

Then propounded by the moderator whether or no the Town would take into their consideration until the next March meeting: what Mr. Thomas White and some others desired as to pay for ways laid through their Lands it passed in ye affirmative.

Then voted that whereas the accounts of ye Committee chosen to look after the Towns wood was then imperfect, the further consideration thereof was deferred, till next march meeting.

Then voted that the writing & Reading school granted formerly to be kept, at the South end of the Town, may be removed into more than one place.

Then voted that the Selectmen should have the management of that matter

Then voted, That the Selectmen make up Accounts with Captain John Mills as to what is due from him to ye Town And from ye Town to him and make Report thereof next March General Town Meeting.

[140] March the 7th. 1719/20

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled then chose the Honourable Edmund Quincy Esqr. Moderator for that day.

The Selectmen chosen for the ensuing year were

Mr. Benjamin Webb.
Mr. Samuel Allen.
Mr. Samuel White
Mr. Joseph Crosbie.
Mr. Benjamin Neall.

Constables were Samuel Savell, & Joseph White but said White hired Mr Ephraim Jones and said Jones was accepted by the Town in said White's stead.

Town Treasurer was Mr. Moses Payne.

Then voted that he should have for his service for ye year ensuing 35 shillings.

Surveyers, were Lt. Joseph Neal Mr. Joseph Adams, John Thayer son of John Thayer and John Holbrook.

Fence Viewers, Joseph Nightingal, Moses Curtis, Wm. Hunt Elkanah Wales.

The Act Relating to swine, were John Bass, son of John Bass, Thomas Crosby John Wild, Junior, Joseph Spear, Thomas Wales

Sealer of Leather was John Beall.

Sealer of Weights & measures John Bass.

Tithingmen were Samuel Tompson, John Baxter, Ephraim Jones Jonathan Hayward.

£3–0–0 Clerk, was Joseph Parmenter, then voted that he should have three pounds for his serving the Town in that office for the Two last years and if he continue in said office the year ensuing

It was then propounded by the Moderator whether or no they would chuse a Committee to Joyn with the Committee of the Purchasers to run and settle bounds between the Common Lands and the Land of the Purchasers (if they se good) and to make report thereof the next Town meeting, it passed in the affirmative.

Then voted, that Major John Quincey Esqr. Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. John Marshall, Deacon Peter Hobart, and Mr. Moses Belcher, be a Committee for said service.

The Meeting was then adjourned till nine of the clock next morning.

[141] March the 8th. 1719/20.

Upon an ajournment the Inhabitants of Braintree being assembled.

Then voted that the orders last year Relating to Bulls be revived and continued, with this addion that every such Bull be kept for the use of the Town in a good pasture conveniently distant in ye judgment of one or more of ye Selectmen, and the Clerk to give an account of every Bull so entred (in March) instant) at the next meeting of the Town to chuse a Representative.

Voted, that the order last year relating to boars be revived and continued only with this Addition that their be ten shillings allowed for every such sufficient boar.

Voted, That ye Present Selectmen draw up an order or by-law for the restraining of Rams from the first of August to the first of November yearly, the penalty of every breach of said order not to exceed five shillings, to be recovered, as the Provence Law Relating to impounding cattle, sheep &c directs, the said sum to be to the use of him or them, that take up such Rams.

It was propounded by ye moderator whether they would accept of the returne made by the Committee who were chosen to give in their opinion who were the Proprietors of the 6000 Acres of Land granted by ye honoured Court And it passed in the negative.

It was then propounded by ye Moderator whether the Town would sell said Land and it passed in ye negative.

Upon a motion made it was propounded by the Moderator whether They would Lease said Lands, it passed on ye negative.

Upon a motion (again) made it was Proposed by the Moderator whether they would Reconsider the Former vote about selling the Land aforesaid, it passed in ye affirmative

Voted, then that the said Land should be sold, the produce thereof to be disposed for the use of ye Town for ever, any of ye Inhabitants of the Town having the refusal, they giving as much as any other, against this vote Ephraim Thayer entred his dissent

Then Voted that Major John Quincey Esqr. Captain John Mills & Mr. Joseph Crosbie be a Committee to sell said lands.

Voted, That Captain Mills have fourteen shillings & nine pence allowed him for expenses on ye Committee that sold ye Towns wood.

Voted, That Captain Mills have fifteen shillings more allowed him for time & expences about ye Towns Leasses.

Voted, That ye matter relating to pay, desired by some Persons for ways laid through Their lands be referred to next General Town meeting.

[142] Braintree May ye 2^d. 1720.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose Major John Quincey Esqr. their Representative ye year ensuing.

Then also They chose the said John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

It was then proposed by ye Moderator whether they would Reconsider their former vote about selling ye Towns Land Granted by the Honoured Court, it passed on ye affirmative.

Then moved, by ye Moderator, whether ye Town would make any alteration in ye late vote that had passed, for selling, said land it passed in ye negative.

Then voted that the by law drawn up by ye Selectmen about the Restraint of Rams (there read) be carried to ye Quarter Sessions for their approbation & Confirmation.

Then moved by ye Moderator whether ye town would chose a

Committee to agree with the Whites, about Pay for a way through Their Land, it passed on the negative.

The Committee's Report was then Read which was as followeth,

The Report of ye Committee chosen to settle bounds with the Purchasers &c Wee the subscribers hereunto being a, Committee chosen by ye Town March 7th 1719/20 to Joyne with a Committee of ye Purchasers (so called) to Run & settle bounds between ye Towns Common Lands and ye lands of the Purchasers (if we saw good) did on March 22^d. following, meet with ye other Committee & viewed ye Lands with such papers as might give us any light & Direction: and having fully debated ye matter we are of opinion that ye Lands in that place which ye Purchasers lay claim to, belong to ye Town, but in as much as ye Purchasers pretend a Right thereunto, to prevent troublesome law suits whereby we may soon lose ye value thereof, we (in case ye Town approves thereof) see cause to relinquish ye Towns rights to them, upon conditions that they Pay to ye town, in case they enjoy it quietly without Law suits, Forty Pounds, but if molested so as to be forced to defend themselves in away of law, then Thirty pounds and in case it should be recovered by Mr. Faxson (who also claims it) or any other person from them (ye said Purchasers) then ye Town to remitt the sum or sums aforesaid, The said Purchasers in case they enjoy it, to leave out ye cart way leading to ye Captains Plain (so called) along by ye swamp and ye way leading to William Thayers, both coming into one below all the stony [143] ground, *i.e.* the Land they enjoy not to extend further upon ye common than these ways to all which ye Purchasers Committee agreed.

John Quincey, Benjamin Webb.
John Marshall, Moses Belcher.

May ye 2^d. 1720.

Then voted that ye return of ye Committee be accepted with this Alteration and addition that the one half of ye Produce of said Purchasers Land be to ye use of ye Town and ye charges if any be in ye law to be bore in equal part.

June ye 13th. 1720.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled, Then chose Major John Quincey their Representative for ye year ensuing.

They then chose the Honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

Then voted that the matter relating to the keeping a writing & Reading school at ye south end of ye Town ye whole year, be Referred till next Town meeting.

It was then also voted, that the matter relating to the stinting ye common Lands of ye Towns, be continued till next Town Meeting.

July the Eleventh 1720.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose the Honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

The question was then propounded by the Moderator whether a writ of tresspass, should be brought & Prosecuted against the Person or Persons that had lately Fenced in a piece of the Towns common Land it Passed on ye affirmative.

Then voted that Mr. Samuel Allen, Mr. Samuel White, Mr. Benjamin Neall and Mr. Joseph Crosby the Present Selectmen, be a committee impowered to Prosecute in Law on ye Towns behalf said Trespassers.

Then voted that any three of said Selectmen be a Committee for said Purpose.

Then voted, that all encroachments on Common Lands and highways belonging to the Town be Reformed.

Then voted that the present Selectmen be a Committee to take care of that affair.

Then voted y^t ye matters Relating to ye keeping the Schools ye whole year at ye south end of ye Town and about stinting ye common Lands be continued untill next General Town meeting.

[144] Braintree August ye 8th. 1720.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being lawfully assembled, They then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb, Moderator for y^t day.

£25—Then voted, that Seventy five Pounds be forthwith Raised for ye Defreying Town charges.

Then voted that ye matters Relating to stinting ye Common Lands & keeping ye school ye whole year at ye south end of ye Town be continued until next General March meeting.

Then voted that ye matters Relating to ye Lands in controversey between ye Town and Mr. Josiah Faxson be left to Three sworn surveyors to be by them Judged & Determined whose said Land shall bee. The Town to chuse Two of ye said Surveyors and said Faxson one, the charges to be equally born between said Parties and each Partie to enter into Bonds to stand to their determination.

Then voted that the Honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Mr. Benjamin Neall Mr Samuel White, Mr Samuel Allen and Mr. Joseph Crosby, bee a Committee, to chuse y^e said Two Surveyors, and to say & do what is needful in y^e case on y^e Towns behalf, and that the affair depending be issued with all convenient speed.

March the 6th. 17$\frac{20}{21}$.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled They then chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that Day.

They then chose Joseph Parmenter Clerk for y^e year ensuing

The Selectmen then chosen were Lt. John Cleverly.
Mr Benjamin Webb.
Mr. Samuel Allen.
Mr. Samuel White
Mr. Joseph Crosby.

The Constables were Joseph Brackett.
Nathaniel Thayer Junior.

The Moderator then adjourned the meeting till nine of the clock next morning and promised that the Act Relating to swine should then be debated.

[145] March the 7th. 1720/21

The Inhabitants of Braintree being by adjournment then assembled chose Mr Moses Payne Treasurer for said Town the year ensuing.

40 — Then voted, that Mr. Moses Payn should have Forty shillings for his service, as Town Treasurer, he continuing in said service the ensuing year.

Surveyors of Highways } were Nathan Brackett, Eleazer Vesey Jno Hunt, Jos. White.

Fence Viewers, were Serjeant Nathaniel Spear, Cornet Jno Beall, Saml. Payn Junior, Nathaniel Wales, Richard Faxson.

Then voted, That swine should go at large ye year ensuing

Voted, That there be chose Four hog reeves.

There was then chose the four following Persons, Jos. Ruggles Joseph Nightingal, John Thayer wever, and Samuel French

It being desired by some that there should be more hog Reevs chose, It was then Proposed to the Town by the, Moderator, whether they would choose Two more hog reeves, it passed in the affirmative

They then chose Joseph Allin and Moses Belcher.

Jonathan Newcomb, was hired by Joseph Ruggle, and was accepted, by the Town in his Room.

Sealer of Leather, was Cornet John Beall.

Sealer of Weights and Measures was John Bass.

Tithing men were Samuel Thompson, Ensign Saml. Baxter Ephraim Jones and Jonathan Hayward.

The question being put by the Moderator whether the Gramer School may be kept at the south end of the Town annually half a year, it passed in the negative.

The Moderator then Proposed, whether the Reading and writing School should be kept the whole year annually at the south end of ye Town for this Town, it passed on the affirmative.

A motion being made by the Moderator, whether the Town would make allowance for Persons, keeping Bulls and Boars for the use of the Town as formerly, it passed on the negative.

[146] March 7th. 1720/21

It was proposed by the moderator, whether the Town would accept of Elkanah Wales, who was hired by Nathaniel Thayer to serve as Constable, in his Room and stead, it passed on the affirmative

March ye 7th. 1720/21

Nathaniel Spear having had some of the Towns Lands Leased unto him, and being under discouragements, by reason of unexpected Fencing & desiring to be released & discharged of it The Moderator Proposed it to the Town, whether They would Release

him of it, and take it againe into their hands, it passed on the affirmative.

Then voted that said Lands should be Leased out for Ten years (commencing the First Day of this instant March.) by A. Committe chosen for that purpose.

The Town then chose Lt. John Cleverly, Mr. Benjamin Neall and Mr. Joseph Crosby a Committee to Lett & Leass said Lands for said Term.

April 12th. 1721.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled then chose Mr. Thomas White Moderator for that day.

Whereas there was a grant of 6000 Acres of Land made by the honoured General Court, unto the Inhabitants of this town of Braintree in the year 1666, and since confirmed to said Town Anno Domini , wherefore for the Peaceable settlement and distribution of said Land Voted That all Persons that were (and now are) Inhabitants of this town, that Paid charges in the year 1715, to the laying out of the said 6000 Acres of land to this town They their Heirs or assigns, have a propriety in said Lands.

The Question being propounded by the moderator whether or no They would proceed any further about the Proportioning of the said 6000 Acres of Land, it passed on the affirmative.

Voted. That a Committee be chosen to go and survey Josiah Faxsons Land, and that the select men be ye Committee.

[147] Braintree May ye 24th. 1721.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully, Assembled, they then chose John Quincy Esqr. their Representative for ye year ensuing.

Braintrey August the 11th. 1721.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled, They then chose Captain John Mills their Representative.

They then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb Moderator.

Then voted that Seventy two Pounds money be raised forthwith for the Defreying Town charges.

Braintree August the 24th. 1721.

The Inhabitants of said Braintrey Lawfully convened, to consider & Determine whether they would allow of stopping the Fish, at Menattiquod River, by the Iron works.

They then chose Lt. John Cleverly Moderator, and the moderator then moved, or put the Question to the said inhabitants, whether they would choose a committee to Proceed in that matter (in the behalf of the Town) as the Law directs, it passed on the affirmative.

Then voted That Lt. Peter Adams Mr. John Marshall & Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, be a Committee for the management of that affair.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey being Lawfully assembled, October ye 30th. 1721, they then chose Lt. John Cleverly moderator for that day.

The question being put by ye Moderator whether ye town would take their Part of the Fifty thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit now Lodged in ye hands of ye Province Treasurer for the use of ye town) it passed in the affirmative.

Then voted that there be three Trustees chosen to Receive and dispose of said Bills for ye use of ye Town, Agreable to the Directions of the Law.

Then voted, That John Quincey Esqr. Mr. Joseph Crosbie and Mr. Benjamin Webb, be the said Trustees.

[148] October 30th. 1721.

Then voted, That ye said Bills of Credit shall not be disposed of in Larger Quantitys then twenty five Pounds, nor lesser than Twenty Pounds.

Then voted, that no Person shall Receive any of ye Bills aforesaid without Two sufficient sureties: or Land security to wit improved Lands.

Then voted that ye Bills aforesaid be lett at six per cent.

Then voted, That the Bonds for said Bills be made to the Town Treasurer for ye use of the Town.

Voted, that ye Trustees have a Reasonable allowance made them for their Pains and Trouble about that affair.

Whereas the General Court at their Session begun & held at Boston upon Wednesday the thirteenth Day of July 1720, passed an Act for the emitting of the sum of fifty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit on the Province to be Lodged in the hands of the Province Treasurer and by him distributed to the several Towns in the Province as by said Act is directed.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified as in the said act is Provided and Regularly Assembled on the Thirteenth Day of November, 1721, to consider & determine whither they would, Receive from the Treasury their part of the said fifty thousand Pounds & They then chose the honoured Edmund Quincy Esqr. Moderator for y^t. day.

The question being put by the moderator it passed in the affirmative.

The question being Put by the Moderator whether the Town would lett said money to Five Persons who should find good & sufficient security to the satisfaction of the Town, it passed in the affirmative

The Moderator moved to the Town whether they would have a certain sum Paid down by the Persons that they should Lett said money too, for ye Towns use it Passed in ye affirmative.

Then ye moderator adjourned the meeting till monday the Twenticth day of November at one of ye clock in afternoon.

[149] November the 20th. 1721.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Regularly assembled.

The moderator then Put the Question, whether if three persons should appear to pay down one hundred Pounds for the use of the Town, They should have the Priviledge of the 548 Pounds of the

Towns Money (they giving good security, it Passed in the affirmative

There then appeared, the honoured Edmund Quincey Esqr. John Quincey Esqr., and Joseph Crosbie which three persons, were accepted & voted for by ye Town, to have their Part of Bills in ye Province Treasury lett too, They paying said sum of one hundred Pounds down for ye Towns use, and giving good security for the whole.

Then voted that the Bonds Payable for the said sum for Bills of Credit be made to ye Town Treasurer.

Then voted, that Mr. Benjamin Webb Mr. William Vesey, and Mr. Benjamin Neall, be Trustees in the Towns behalf and for their use to receive & lett the said Bills of Credit from ye Province Treasurer and pass Receipts for the same in the Towns stead.

Voted, that the hundred Pounds Paid down (for the use of the Town) out of said Province Bills of Credit be put into the hands of ye Town Treasurer.

Then voted that the Town Treasurer shall have Power to lett out said Bills of Credit for the Towns use he taking good & sufficient security.

Then voted that y^{e} Present Town Treasurer take better security (if he se cause) for Bonds of y^{e} Towns money now in his hands.

March y^{e} 5th. 17$\frac{21}{22}$.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled, They then chose Mr. Thomas White moderator for y^{t} day —

They then chose Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

The Selectmen then chosen were	Mr. Thomas White Deacon Samuel White Mr. Cornelius Thayer. Mr. Josiah Faxson. Mr. Josiah Hobart.
The Constables were	Samuel Vesey. Nathaniel Wales.
Town Treasurer was	Deacon Peter Hobart.
Surveyors of Highways, were	Nathaniel Owen. David Rawson. Jonathan Newcomb. Samuel White senior. Samuel Payne Junior. Jonathan Bass.
Fence Viewers were	Gregory Belcher Junior. David Bass Ebenezer Thayer. John French.
Hogreeves were	John Sanders. Samuel Adams. Thomas French. Thomas Hunt.

It was then moved by the moderator whether the Town would allow — anything for Bulls & Boars for ye use of ye town the year ensuing, it passed on ye negative.

The Moderator then also moved to the Town whether they would prolong ye lease of their Land Lett to Moses Belcher, it passed on ye negative.

The Town then voted Twenty shillings to Joseph Parmenter, for his service for serving ye Town as Town Clerk, the year past.

Braintree May the 14th. 1722.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled, then chose John Quincey Esqr. their Representative for the year ensuing.

They then chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that Day.

[151] They then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. Joseph Crosby and Mr. Samuel Allen a Committee to make up accoumpts with Mr. Moses Payne late Treasurer for said Town, said Committee to Render a true account to ye Town of the present state of ye Treasury, at ye next Town meeting.

Then voted that Mr. Peter Hobart ye Present Town Treasurer, shall upon his Receipt of ye Towns moneys & Bonds from Mr. Moses Payn late Town Treasurer give & Pass unto him a full receipt thereof.

Then Elkanah Wales was accepted by ye Town as Constable in the Room of his brother Nathaniel Wales who had agreed with him to take his Place and that service for ye year ensuing.

August 13th. 1722

the Inhabitants of of Braintree Lawfully assembled they then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb Moderator for that Day.

Then voted that one hundred and twelve Pounds be raised forth with for defreying Town Charges.

August, 13th. 1722.

The Moderator put ye Question whether the Town would Act any further in ye matter relating to the Dam at the Forge as to ye Recovering our Priviledge, as to ye passage of ye fish it passed on the affirmative.

Then voted that there should be a Committee chosen to Act in that affair

Then voted that it shall be in ye Power of ye said committee to Present the matter to the next sessions or to Petition ye General Court for ye Reobtainment of said Priviledge

The committee then chosen were Mr. Samuel Payn Mr. Benjamin Neall, Mr. John Hunt.

Then voted, that Joseph Parmenter should have for his services as town clerk, Thirty shillings for this present year, he continuing in said service till next march.

[152] Braintree December the 6th. 1722.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled then chose Deacon Moses Payn Moderator for that day

the Moderator then put the Question to the Town whether they would chose a Committee to Treat and agree with the Proprietors of the Dam at menattiquod River, it passed on the affirmative.

They then chose Lt Samuel Allin Mr. Samuel Payne Ensign Samuel Baxter, Mr Benjamin Webb, and Deacon Samuel White a Committee for that affair.

March the 4th. 17$\frac{22}{3}$

the Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully, Assembled yn chose John Quincey Esqr. moderator for that day —

The Moderator then put the Question whether the Town would vote for a Town Clerk by written votes. It passed on the negative.

They then chose Joseph Parmenter clerk for ye year ensuing by lifting up their hands

Then voted that both then & for the future there should be Two Selectmen chose at each end of ye Town and the fifth selectman to be at either Part as he should be chose.

The Selectmen then chosen were
- Mr. Benjamin Webb.
- Captain Peter Adams.
- Mr. Joseph Crosby
- Lt. Samuel Allen.
- Mr. Jonathan Hayward.

The Constables then chosen were Nathan Bracket and Ebenezer White, but Nathan Brackett agreeing with his Brother John Vesey and presenting him to the Town the Town accepted of said Vesey in said Brackits Rome.

The Town Treasurer then chosen was Mr. Peter Hobart.

Surveyors of Highways, were

Lt. John Cleverly.	Ensign Saml. Baxter
David Bass.	Nathaniel Thayer Junior.
Daniel Hunt.	Thomas French.

[153] Tithingmen were,

Joseph Nightingal.	Saml. Savel senior.
Richard Faxson.	Joseph Allen.

Fence Viewers were Moses Belcher senior William Field John Thayer Junior & Samuel Wild.

Hogreeves, were Ezekiel Crane, Benjamin Neall Junior. Ephraim Jones, John Thayer son of Jno. Thayer.

Sealer of Leather was John Adams.

Sealer of Weights & Measures, Mr. Samuel Payne.

The Town then chose a committee to Runn the Line between the Towns common Lands and ye Land of ye Purchasers

the Committee was Mr. Dependence French, Mr Joseph Adams and Mr. John Baxter.

Voted, that Deacon Moses Payne and Deacon Peter Hobart, should have for their serving ye Town as Town Treasurers for the year past forty shillings.

Then voted that whosever shall enter a good sufficient Bull not under Two years old with ye town clerk any time between the pres-

ent month march & May next, the said Bull to be kept in a pasture for the Towns use only, the whole year shall receive Twenty shillings out of ye Town Treasury, Provided they shall not exceed the number of seven, one of said seven to Run at large.

Then voted that whoever shall enter a good sufficient Boar, with ye Town Clerk between this present month march & next May of six months old at least, for ye use of the Town, this present year and to run at large shall Receive Ten shillings out of ye Town Treasury, Provided they shall not exceed ye Number of four.

The Request of Mr Samuel White (who was a Surveyor of highways the year past) for Two Pounds & Three shillings for mending a Bridge over menattiquod River near John Webbs mill, being read to the Town — It was then voted what should be allowed him in that matter, be left with the present Select men.

The Report of y^e Committee chosen by the Town December y^e 6th. 1722 to treat and agree with the Proprietors of the Dam at menatiquod River, being read to the Town y^e consideration of that matter was deferred till next town meeting.

[154] March the 11th. 17$\frac{22}{3}$

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled then chose John Quincey Esqr. moderator for that day.

Then voted, that swine shall go at large during y^e continuance of y^e last Act Relating to Swine.

The Constables then chosen (by written votes) was Ebenezer White but he agreeing with Ephraim Jones, and presenting him to the town, the Town then accepted of said Jones in said White's roome & stead.

The Moderator then moved the Question to the Town whether they would chuse a Committee to treat with Nathaniel Hubbard Esqr. and lay before him ye charges that have been laid out about the Bridge at menatiquod River and all the Areers that his Father & he should have paid until the time that he sold, and to demand and receive it of him, it passed in the affirmative

Then voted that Mr. Samuel Payne, Mr. Samuel White and L^t. Samuel Allen be a Committee for that affair.

May the 13th. 1723.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Regularly Assembled, then chose John Quincey Esqr. their Representative for ye year ensuing.

Then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb, Moderator for that day.

£65— Then voted that sixty five Pounds money be raised forthwith for the defreying Town Charges.

Then chosen were for Field drivers Benjamin Vesey and John Copeland.

March the 2^d. 1723/4

The Inhabitants of Brantrey Lawfully assembled they then chose by handy votes Captain Peter Adams, Moderator for that day.

[155] The Moderator then put the question to the Town whether they would choose their Town Clerk by written votes it

passed in the negative. They then chose by handy votes for their clerk, Joseph Parmenter, Selectmen then chose by written votes were,

Captain Peter Adams
Mr. Benjamin Webb.
Mr. Joseph Crosby.
Lt. Samuel Allen
Mr Ephraim Thayer.

Constables then chosen were William Hunt and Jonathan Newcomb, but Jonathan Newcomb in the after part of the Day Presenting David Bass, to the Town he was accepted by the Town in the room and stead of Jonathan Newcomb.

Town Treasurer, then chose was Mr. Peter Hobart.

Surveyors of Highways were Thomas Crosby.
Gregory Belcher Junior.
John Thayer son of John Thayer.
Samuel Wild and
Samuel French.

Tithing men were William Field
and David Bass.
John wild, Junior &
Richard Thayer.

Fence Viewers were, John Bass Junior
Ebenezer Field
Nehemiah Hayden
John Copeland.

Hogreeves were Peter Newcom Junior.
Joseph Owen
Benjamin Hobart
Dependence French, Junior.

Sealer of Leather John Adams.

Sealers of weights and measures Mr. Samuel Payne.

Voted, that Mr. Peter Hobart should have Forty shillings £2.0–0 for serving ye Town as Town Treasurer ye year past.

[156] Voted that Joseph Parmenter should have Twenty shillings £1–0,0 for his service as Town clerk the year Past.

Then Voted that the Town forbids the Re-building of the Dam (now broken) at the Iron works that so the fish may not be stopped.

Voted, That the Town would choose a Committee to Treat with Nathaniel Hubart Esqr. or any other person concerned about the premises, who shall make Returne of their doings therein to the Town at the next Town meeting.

Then voted That Mr. Samuel Payne senior Mr. Gregory Belcher senior and Mr. Ephraim Thayer senior should be a Committee for y^t^ affair.

Voted, That Mr. Benjamin Webb, Lt. Samuel Allen and Mr. Joseph Crosby be a Committee to adjust accounts with Mr. Peter Hobart Town Treasurer, and make report thereof to the Town the next Town meeting.

Voted, That whosoever should enter a good sufficient Bull not under Two years old with the Town Clerk any time between ye present month march & May next, the said Bull to be kept in a Pasture for ye towns use only, for the whole year, shall receive Twenty shillings out of the Town Treasury Provided they shall not exceed the number of seven, one of said seven to run at large.

Voted, that whosoever shall enter a good sufficient Boar with the Town Clerk between this present month march and May next, of six months old at least for the use of the town this present year & to Run at Large, shall receive ten shillings out of the Towns Treasury Provided they shall not exceed the number of four.

Voted, That whosoever shall kill any black birds between the first Day of April and the last day of may next and bring them to any of ye Present Selectmen or Constables shall have for every grown Black Bird two Pence per head and one half penny pr head for young ones Paid out of the Treasury —

[157] Braintree May the 15th. 1724.

the Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully Assembled they then chose John Quincey Esqr. Their Representative for ye year ensuing.

Then then chose John Quincy Esqr. Moderator for y^t^ Day.

Then voted, that sixty Five Pounds money be forthwith Raised for the Defreying of ye Town charges for this present year.

Whereas Mr. John Cleverly Junior, Presenting a Petition To the Town about a Dam being erected across, a certain Bay or creek lying between sheds neck and the Towns lands, on the one side & the great Field on the other, The Town then voted that a Committee be chosen to view the Place mentioned in the said Petition and make Report to the town ye next Town meeting.

The Committee then chosen was Mr. Joseph Crosby, Mr. Jonathan Hayden, Captain Peter Adams, Deacon Samuel White, Mr John Baxter.

Suffolk ss. To Mr. David Bass Constable of Braintree, Greeting. In his majesties Name you are required forthwith to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the North Precinct Qualified to vote in Town Affairs as the Law directs, that they meet at the old meeting house in said Town on Monday the first Day of March next ensuing by nine of the clock in ye forenoon Then & there, 1st. to choose a moderator, 2^d^.ly to choose all Town officers as the Law directs 3^d^.ly to choose a Committee if it be. thought needful to adjust, accompts with the Treasurer, 4th. to consider whether it be needful or expedient to do anything further about the Iron works Dam, which is repaired contrary to ye vote of ye town, 5th. To consider of some method whereby the Towns Commons may be of more universal benefit to the Town, 6th. What encouragement may be given for keeping Bulls & Boars and destroying the Black Birds & farther to hear a petition of Samuel Vesey, hereof fail not, making returne of your doings herein to one or more of the Selectmen, upon or before the time prefixed. Dated in Braintree the eighth Day of February in the

year of our Lord 1724/5 and in the eleventh year of his majesties Reign.

By order of the Selectmen, Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

Attest, Joseph Parmenter, Town Clerk.

[158] The return of the within warrant was as follows,

In pursuance of this warrant I have given general warning to the Inhabitants of the North Precinct to meet at the time and place within written. David Bass Constable.

A true copy of the warrant attest, Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

March the 1st. 1724/5.

The Inhabitants of Braintree being Lawfully Assembled, They then chose Mr. Joseph Crosbey Moderator for that day.

The Moderator then put the question to the Town whether they would choose their clerk by handy votes, it passed on the affirmative. They then voted Joseph Parmenter their Clerk for ye year ensuing.

The Selectmen were Mr. Benjamin Webb.
Captain Adams.
Lt. Samuel Allen.
Mr. Joseph Crosbey
Mr. Ephraim Thayer.

Constables, were John Bass, Richard Faxson.

Town Treasurer Chosen by written votes was Deacon Peter Hobart.

Surveyors of Highways were Samuel Vesey, Moses Belcher senior, Ephraim Jones, Nathaniel Blanchard & John French.

Tithingmen were John Adams, Samuel Bass Junior.
Jonathan Hayward Junior.
John Thayer, Junior.

Fence Viewers, Josiah Adams Eleazer Vesey.
William Bowditch, Benjamin Hayden.

Hogreeves were, John Spear Samuel Spear.
Seth Bass William Copeland
Thomas French Junior.

Sealer of Leather was John Beal.

A Surveyor of Timber & Plank &c was Lt. Samuel Allen

The Committee chosen to adjust accompts with the Treasurer, for the Town was Mr. Benjamin Webb, Lt. Samuel Allen Mr. Joseph Crosbey

[159] March the First 1724/5.

the Petition of Samuel Vesey to the town being this day Read (to wit) That the way from the country Road to the Towns Common Land, through his Land might not ly open for half a year, as was ordered and Appears on Record in the Town's Book of Records, bearing Date the 23d. of the Twelfth month 1651. In answer To said Vesey's Petition it was, voted that he should have liberty henceforward to keep up his Bars Thre quarters of a year

successively, to wit six weeks sooner in the spring, and continuing six weeks longer in the fall.

Voted, That whoever should enter a good sufficient Bull not under Two years old with the Town Clerk, any time between the present month march and May next, the said Bull to be kept in a pasture for the Town's use only, for the whole year, shall Receive Twenty shillings out of the Towns Treasury Provided they shall not exceed the number of seven, one of said seven to run at large.

Voted, that whosoever shall enter a good sufficient Boar with the Town Clerk, between this Present month march, and May next, of six months old at least, for the use of the Town this present year, and to run at large, shall receive Ten shillings out of the Town Treasury, Provided they shall not exceed the number of four.

Voted that whoever shall kill any black Birds between the first day of April and the last Day of May next, and bring them to any of the Present Selectmen or constables, shall have for every grown Black bird Two pence ꝑr head, and one half penny ꝑr head for young ones, Paid out of ye Towns Treasury.

Voted, that the consideration about the Iron works Dam that was repaired contrary to the vote of the Town, and the matter relating to the Towns common Lands, be referred to next May meeting.

Then voted, that Joseph Parmenter should have Thirty shillings allowed him for his service as Town Clerk for the year past.

May the 17th. 1725.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled then chose John Quincey Esqr. their Representative for the year ensuing.

They then also chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for y^t^ day.

£55 — Then Voted, that Fifty five Pounds money be raised forthwith for the defreying the necessary charges of the Town for this present year.

The Moderator then put the question to the Town whether they would give their advice & instructions to the Selectmen Relating to a School, it passed on the negative

The Moderator farther moved to the Town whether a Gramer school should be kept in the south Precinct the whole year it passed on the negative

It was then also voted that their shall be a writing and Reading school annally for the whole year to be kept in the south Precinct, in such Place or places as a Committee now to be chosen, to Joyn with the major Part of the selectmen Mr. Joseph Crosbey, Lt Samuel Allen and Mr. Ephraim Thayer shall agree, and to agree with the School Master.

[161] The committee then chosen were Deacon Samuel Bass, Mr. Thomas White Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, Lt. John Hunt, Mr. John Holbrook, Mr. Samuel Payne Junior.

Then voted that a Committee be chosen to Preferr A. Petition to the Governor and council and to use any other proper means to obtain the Demolishment of the Iron works Dam in Braintrey.

The committee then chosen were Lt. Samuel Allen, Mr. Ephraim Thayer Mr. Benjamin Allen, Mr. William Bowditch and Mr. John Bowditch.

Voted, that a Committee be chosen to consider of some method for the better Regulating of the Towns Common Lands, and to make Report thereof to ye Town ye next Town meeting.

Committee then chosen were Deacon Samuel Bass, Mr. Benjamim Webb, Mr. Joseph Crosbey Mr Nehemiah Hayden, Mr. Richard Thayer.

Samuel Niles was then chosen Constable, but whereas it was then declared by several Persons that he laboured under some lameness, and other infirmaties of Body at present, therefore it was voted that he should be released this present year.

Then Samuel Payne Junior was chosen Constable but he refused to serve and Promised to Pay his Fine

And then Mr. Daniel Hunt was chosen Constable but being sought for to declare his acceptance or refusal could not be found.

Voted, That Mr. Peter Hobart should have Fifty shillings for his service as Town Treasurer the last year.

Then voted, that the Town meeting be adjourned till next Monday of this instant May at three of ye clock in ye afternoon.

Braintrey May the 24th. 1725.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey being by Adjournment from May the 17th. to May the 24th. 1725 Then assembled and John Quincey Esqr. the Moderator being then detained and by a writing under his own hand enformed the Assembly that he could not be then Present with Them. They then Proceeded & chose Mr. Joseph Crosbey their Moderator for that day.

They likewise then chose Lt. John Hunt Constable for the year ensuing, Daniel Hunt having refused and the meeting was adjourned untill Wednesday the 2^d^. Day of June next, at Three of ye clock in ye afternoon.

[162] March the 7th. 1725/6.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully, Assembled then chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for y^t^ day. Joseph Parmenter, was then (by handy votes) Chosen clerk.

Selectmen were
Captain Peter Adams.
Mr. Joseph Crosbey.
Mr. Ephraim Thayer.
Mr. Thomas White.
Mr. Samuel White.

It was then moved by the Moderator whether or no the Town would chuse Three Constables, Two of which to be for the South end of the Town, to colect their part of the taxes only, it passed in the affirmative — the then chosen Constables were Thomas Crosbey Nathaniel Blanchard, W^m^. Bowditch, but Thomas Crosbey Presenting Nathaniel Owen to ye Town he was accepted in his room.

Town Treasurer, was Deacon Moses Payne.

Then voted, that he should have Fifty shillings for his service as Town Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Voted, That Mr. Peter Hobart should have Fifty shillings for his service as Town Treasurer for the year Past.

Surveyers, of Highways	were Ebenezer Crosby, Moses Belcher Junior Benjamin Hayward John Theyer second. John Thayer Third.
Tithing men were	Benjamin Beall Samuel Adams. John Wild Junior Nathaniel Wales.
Fence Viewers were	Josiah Hobart Samuel Wild Jonathan Newcomb Ebenezer Crane.
Hogreeves were	Caleb Hobart. Nathaniel Blanchard Junior. Thomas Bolter. Moses Payne Joseph Neall son of Benjamin Neall
Sealer of Leather	John Beall.

[163] Then voted that whosoever should kill any grown blackbirds between this 7th. Day of March, and the last day of May, next ensuing should have Three pence ꝑr head, and for all young ones in said Time half penny ꝑr head.

Voted that from the last Day of May (aforesaid) to the last Day of November next, who ever shall kill said birds shall have penny ꝑr head.

Voted, that whosoever should kill any ground squirrels from the first Day of April to the last Day of June should have threepence ꝑr head.

Voted, that the heads of said Birds, and squirrels, be brought in to any of the selectmen, or constables of said Town.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to make up accoumpts with the late Town Treasurer, Mr. Peter Hobart, for the time past.

Voted, that Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. Joseph Crosby, and Capt Peter Adams, be a Committee for that purpose.

Voted that said Committee should allow Mr. Peter Hobart fifty shillings of the Towns money, in case they find so much wanting on his book (that was stolen from him) when they come to make up accoumpts with him.

Voted, That Mr. Daniel Hunt his obligation to the Town of five Pounds money be remitted & his Bond Delivered him up.

30/. — Voted, that Joseph Parmenter should have Thirty shillings for his service as Town clerk for the year past.

Braintrey May 16th. 1726

The Inhabitants of said Town being Lawfully assembled then they chose John Quincey Esqr. there Representative for the year

ensuing, and then they chose the said John Quincey Esqr. moderator for that day.

They then chose Mr. Benjamin Webb, Treasurer for said Town.

Voted that Eighty five Pounds money, be raised forthwith for the Defreying the charges of the Town.

The Towns Trustees for the letting out of the Towns part of the Fifty thousand Pounds Loan, having lodged the Bonds taken for the same with the Town Treasurer, then, voted that [164] the said Trustees, their Executors, and Administrators be therefore Discharged from any further obligation thereabouts.

The moderator put the question to the Town whether they would lease some small part of their common Lands to Thomas French (for some time) their vote being dubious, the moderator that it might be clearly Decided) Divided the Polls by desiring those who were for it to go into the womans seats and those that were against it to go into the mens seats, and the vote passed on the negative.

It was moved by the Moderator to the Town whether they would allow Mr. Peter Hobart their late Treasurer anything for his service in said office as to the present year for the time past, it passed on the negative.

Braintrey, July 25th. 1726.

The Inhabitants of Braintry Lawfully assembled, They then chose by written votes, Captain Peter Adams Moderator.

£15 — Then voted, that ffifteen Pounds money be forthwith raised (as an addition to what was before granted in May last past) for the Defreying Town Charges

The Moderator then put the Question whether the Town would appropriate a certain Parcel or parcels of the common Lands belonging to the Town to the use of the ministry of the respective Precincts within the same as they now stand Divided, and that the improvement of the appropriated Parcels of Land to the use aforesaid be from time to time under the Regulation and direction of the town, the number of acres being an hundred, said hundred acres to be laid out equal in quality to each precinct, it passed on the affirmative

Then voted that a Committee be chosen to lay out said land. Voted that Mr Joseph Crosbey Mr. Samuel White, Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden Lt. Joseph Neall, & Deacon Samuel Bass: be a Committee for that affair, and that five of them be a Quorum, to act in that matter, and that report thereof be made unto the Town next Town meeting.

The private high way from the Gate of the honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. laid out formerly, to the way leading from squantum to milton was deferred, to be debated on until the next Town meeting.

[165] Braintrey March the 6th. 1726/7.

The Inhabitants of of said Town being Lawfully assembled, They then chose John Quincey Esqr. moderator for that day —

The moderator then moved it to the Town whether they would

chuse Their Clark by their usial sign of lifting up their hands, it passed on the affirmative.

Joseph Parmenter was then chosen clerk for the year ensuing.

The Moderator then put the Question whether the Town would chuse Three Constables for the year ensuing for said Town, it passed on the affirmative.

The Constables then Chosen were Eleazer Vesey, Richard Thayer, Smith, Samuel Niles.

Town Treasurer then chosen was Mr Benjamin Webb.

Then voted that Mr. Benjamin Webb, should have Fifty shillings for his service as Town Treasurer for ye past year.

Selectmen, were Captain Peter Adams Mr. Joseph Crosbey Mr. Benjamin Beall, Deacon Samuel White, Mr. Benjamin Allen.

Surveyors of Highways, were David Rawson, John Bass, Samuel Bass, Junior John Allin, Elkanah Wales.

Tithingmen were Gregory Belcher Junior David Bass, Ephraim Jones, Joseph White.

Fence Viewers were John Mills Nathan Bracket, Thomas French & John French.

Hogreeves Samuel Ruggles, John Baxter Junior, John Bowditch, Joseph Thayer, Josiah French.

Sealer of Leather was Mr. John Beal.

Voted, That Mr. Samuel Payne, Mr. John Marshall and Mr. Samuel Thompson be a Committee to make up accoumpts with the Town Treasurer Mr. Benjamin Webb, for the time past, and make Returne of their doings therein, the next town meeting.

Voted, that whosoever shall kill any grown black birds between, this sixth Day of March and the Last Day of May next ensuing should have Threepence ꝑr head, and for all young ones in said [166] time half penny ꝑ head, and that from the last Day of May aforesaid) to the last Day of November next, who ever shall kill said Birds shall have Penny ꝑ head, the heads of all said Birds to be brought in to any of the Selectmen or Constables of said Town

Voted that who ever should enter a good sufficient Bull not under two years old with the Town Clerk any time between the Present month march and May next, the said Bull to be kept in a pasture for the Towns use only untill the 29th. Day of September next, shall receive Twenty shillings out of the Towns — Treasury, Provided they shall not exceed the number of seven Two of said seven to run at large.

Voted, That whosoever shall enter a good sufficient Boar with the Town Clerk between this present month march and May next of six months old at least, and to run at large for the use of the town this present year shall receive out of the Towns Treasury Ten shillings, Provided They shall not exceed the number of four.

The Moderator put the question to the Town whether They would so far accept the Report of the Committee about the common Lands, as that they should go upon said Parcels of Lands, and take a Surveyor with them and lay it out, and make Report of there doings Therein To the Town, it passed on the affirmative.

It was then put to the Town by the Moderator whether They

Judged it necessary for the use of the Town to have an open way of Two Rods wide from the country Road, To the way leading from Squantom to Milton, it passed in the negative.

The Moderator then againe Put the Question to the Town whether They judged it necessary, for the use of the Town, to have a Private Drift way, one Rod and half wide, from the Country Road, to the way leading from squantom to Milton, it passed in the negative.

Voted, that a Committee be chosen to take care of the whole affair Relating to the Iron work Dam, in this Town, and to doo therein what, They shall Think most fit, for the Benefit and advantage of the Town.

[167] The Committee then chosen were John Quincey Esqr. Mr. Joseph Crosbey and Mr Thomas White.

Voted, that Mr. John Cleverly, and Mr. Benjamin Webb be added to the Three selectmen of the North end of this town, to fix the Place or Places, where the school shall be kept at the south end of the town.

Voted, That Joseph Parmenter have Thirty shillings £1.10— for his service as Town Clerk the year past.

Braintree the 22^{d}. May 1727.

The Inhabitants of said Town being Lawfully assembled they then chose John Quincey Esqr. Their, Representative for the year ensuing.

They then chose (also) the honourable Edmund Esqr. Moderator the Report of the committee chosen to make up accompts with the Town Treasurer, Mr. Benjamin Webb, was then heard Received accepted by said Town, and he the said Town Treasurer discharged for so much by him Payed, as appears under the hands of said committee chosen by the Town to adjust accompts with him, which accompt is now on file.

£90— Then voted that ninety Pounds be raised forthwith for the Defreying the necessary charges of this Present year.

The Committee appointed the last Town meeting to proceed in their work of laying out an 100 acres of the common Lands as mentioned in former votes, having this Day Reported their survey of the same, but it being found imperfect, and Represented to the Town that said committees Projection will not be convenient. Voted, and ordered that the said Committee proceed to perfect their survey, taking care therein to lay out the several Lotts or Parcels of Land in the most suitable Places & the most convenient form, as may be, & lay their doings therein before the Town at their, next meeting for their acceptance & confirmation. Peter Markquand entre'd his dissent.

Then voted that Richard Thayer be excused from being chose Constable this year.

The Constables then chosen were John Niles, John Thayer son of John Thayer.

[168] June 12th. 1727.

The Inhabitants of Braintrey Lawfully assembled, They then chose Captain Peter Adams Moderator for that day.

John Thayer, (son of John Thayer) who was chosen Constable with John Niles, May 22d. 1727, Presented to the Town Mr. Ephraim Jones of said Town, who offered before the Town then met to serve in the Room & stead of said Thayer & Niles, as constable for the year ensuing, he the said Jones was then accepted by the Town as Constable in the Room & stead of the said John Thayer & John Niles.

£30— Then voted that Thirty Pounds money more be raised & added to the ninety Pounds granted by the Town, last May meeting, for the Defreying the necessary charges of the Town.

The affair of the Return of the Committee about the common Lands was deferred till next, Town meeting.

The Inhabitants of Braintree Lawfully assembled November the 6th. 1727, then chose John Quincey Esqr. their Representative.

They then likewise chose the honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Moderator.

Mr. Joseph Neall, Mr Samuel Bass, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden Mr. Benjamin Webb, Mr. Samuel White, and Mr. Joseph Crosbey having been chosen a committee by the Town July the 25th. 1726, to lay out a hundred acres of the Common Land (belonging to the Town) for the use of the ministry, did pursuant thereunto with the assistance of Mr. Maudsley of Dorchester, surveyor, lay out said hundred acres of appropriated Land in four Peices as in Their Report by writing, under all their hands is there expressed & bounded, which Report is now on file and was this Day Read, once and againe to the Town, and voted accepted, and by them was rattified and confirmed.

Then voted that Nathaniel Owen Senior, Deacon Samuel Bass, and Moses Belcher Junior, be a Committee to inspect said Peice of appropriated Lands, and that any Two of them should [169] have Power to prosicute any such persons that do trespass thereon.

The moderator was then Requested by the selectmen to propose to the Town whether they would have Two Gramer Schools kept in it, and ye vote it passed on the negative.

The Report of the committee who laid out a Hundred acres of the common Land belonging to the Town for ye use of the ministry is as followeth.

We the subscribers being a Committee chosen by the Town at their meeting on the 25th. day of July 1726, to lay out a Hundred acres of the common Land belonging to the Town for the use of the ministry &c. Have Pursuant thereunto with the assistance of Mr ———Maudsley of Dorchester Surveyor, Proceeded as follows. First, we laid out one Piece of 25 acres in the small common adjacent to the land of the widow Elinr Penniman & Moses Belcher in the following form beginning at the corner of said widow Penniman's Land, at the upper end of the Lane that leads into the common, we run southerly by said Land, and the Land of Moses

Belcher Junior, eighty four Rods straight thorow said Penniman's Land, there being a considerable bow in her fence, and extended the line northward from the corner of her Land seven Rods thorow which the lane must be continued the length of the Piece when it comes square being ninety one Rods on that side, the South end being 32 Rods wide, making a right angle against Moses Belchers Land, the north end 57 Rods in width, and the length on the east side about 96 Rods, this containing near an acre above measure to supply the want of that quantity by the crooked line on the west side, next we laid out a Piece of the same quantity between the Lands of Joseph Adams & Josiah Faxson, Divided from the common by a line begining at a corner in said Faxson's Fence & Running eight Rods westward, and from thence we run north fourteen Degrees west till we met the Plain fence so called which encloses the whole Piece.

[170] Nextly we laid out a Piece of Twenty five acres by the Pine Hill adjacent to the lands of Joseph Nightingal Dec^{d}. thus, beginning at the wall at the south west corner of said Land we Run Southwest 64 Rods, then making a Right angle we run south east 64 Rods and from thence to said Nightingals fence, the Piece being 64 Rods square, a great flat Rock making the bounds of the south east corner, and lastly we laid out a Piece of the same quantity in the small common by the Lands of Jonathan Hayward Junior, Thomas French and William French. It bounds Eastwardly on said Hayward 40 Rods and Southwardly in said Frenches one hundred Rods, the opposite lines being of equal length, all the Pieces being bounded by heaps of stones where there is no fence.

June 8, 1727.

Joseph Neall.
Samuel Bass.
Nehemiah Hayden.
Benjamin Webb.
Samuel White
Joseph Crosbey.

A true copy, attest.
Joseph Parmenter, Town Clerk.

Braintree, November, the 17th. 1727.

The Freeholders and Inhabitants of said Braintree, being lawfully assembled then chose the honourable Edmund Quincey Esqr. Moderator.

Then voted, that no Inhabitant of this Town shall hereafter, Presume to Dig or carry off from the common Lands, any stone or stones whatsoever (for sale or Market) under ye Penalty of Twenty shillings for every cart load, so Dug or carried off, without License first had from the town or committee hereafter named, and Paying for the same as the Town or committee and said Person shall agree.

Voted that the same committee, or any Two of them shall have Power to Prosicute any Person or Persons not Inhabitants, who shall hereafter presume to Dig and carry off the Towns common, [171] Land any stone or stones whatsoever, without License, first had from the said committee, and Paying for the same as the committee and the Person shall agree. The committee to make

Report of their doings, and accompt with the Town, at their General meeting in March, annually, for what money they shall have Received.

The Committee then chosen were Mr. Benjamin Neall Mr. John Ruggles and Mr. William Hunt.

Then voted that the first and the third Pieces of Land laid out and Returned by the Committee, be and ly for the use of the ministry for the North Precinct, and the second and last pieces of Land mentioned as aforesaid, be and ly for the use of the ministry, for the South Precinct, as the Respective Precincts aforesaid now stand divided.

The Moderator (at the request of the Town) Adjourned the meeting untill monday, the 27th. Day of November instant, at twelve of the clock on said Day.

The Free-holders & Inhabitants of Braintree at an adjournment from November the 17th. to November 27th. 1727, being then met and after some consideration of; and Debate upon a method about the Dividing or disposing of the six thousand Acres of Land Granted by the honoured General Court to the Town anno. Domini 1666 and confirmed to them anno Domini 17

Voted That for the more Peaceable settlement of the same the said Land be divided as near & conveniently as may be between the Two Precincts, or Districts within this Town as the same now stands Divided and that for quantity & quality, to be hence forward managed, improved & farther Divided or Disposed of, as shall be agreed on & ordered by each Precinct Respectively from time to time for ever hereafter.

A motion then being made, and the Question Put whether the Town by the words in the late vote of the Town for Granting or appropriating one hundred Acres of common Land for the use of the ministry it shall be understood or construed to include any other ministry then a Congregational and [172] Presbyterian ministry, the vote then Passed in the negative. at the same time voted, that John Quincey Esqr. be desired to Present the votes of the Town that they passed November the 17th. Instant, Relating to the Prohibiting of Persons Diging or carrying off the Towns common Land any stone or Stones (for sale or market) to the honoured court of Quarter Sessions for Their approbation.

It was then likewise voted that Col. Quincey should have Twenty shillings, for the Town having had the service of his Bull.

March 4th. 1727/8.

Moderator. At a Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree (qualified) to vote in Town affairs) on Monday the fourth day of March Annoq Domini 1727/8 being thereto Legally warned after the Clerk had read the warrants for calling the said meeting with the returns thereof, They then chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator for that day.

The said John Quincey accepting and taking his place asked of the Inhabitants so met, to bring in their votes for a Town Clerk, which they did, and

Clerk — Benjamin Webb, was chosen Town Clerk for the year

ensuing, and forthwith sworn to the true and faithful execution of said office.

Selectmen The Moderator then Demanded of the meeting their votes, for the Choice of Selectmen for the year ensuing their votes were brought in, and by a majority of said votes Mr. Joseph Crosbey, Deacon Peter Adams, Deacon Samuel White, Mr Benjamin Allen & Mr. Benjamin Beale, were chosen, but Deacon Adams Refusing to serve, William Hunt who had the next majority of votes was accepted.

Constables. Nextly, The votes for Constables being called for, and brought in, Richard Thayer (Smith, so called) Samuel Niles, and Moses Belcher Senr. were chosen to that office, The s^d^. Moses, Belcher declaring to the meeting his non-acceptance, they proceeded to the Choice of another, and William Field being Chosen, he also declared his non acceptance, after which John Adams, being by a majority of votes chosen, he declared his acceptance.

[173] A motion being then made to the meeting by Samuel Niles and Richard Thayer, whether they would accept of Ephraim Jones, (who offered it) to serve in stead of them two, a vote was asked thereon, and it passed in the affirmative.

Town Treasurer — Votes being then called for for the choice of a Town Treasurer and brought in, Benjamin Webb was by a majority thereof chosen to said office for the year ensuing.

The other officers chosen at the said meeting by hand votes, being after nomination put to vote by the moderator, were as follows viz,

Surveyors of Highways	David Bass. Moses Pain Junr. Ebenezer White Jonathan Clark Nathaniel Littlefield.
Tithing-men,	Josiah Adams. Stephen Cleverly. Richard Faxon Samuel Pain Junr.
Fence Viewers,	Samuel Belcher. Ezekiel Crane. John Thayer tertius Benjamin Clark
Hoggreeves	John George Benjamin Allen Junr. Jonathan Wild. Thomas Hollbrook Junr. Gideon Thayer.
Sealer of Leather	John Beale

Instruction about ye Schools. Further upon a motion made by some of the Inhabitants of the new South Precinct in the Town (and manifestation of their desire) that the School Master that shall for the future keep the school in the south part of the Town might be obliged to keep school some part of the year in

the said new-Precinct the voters present were desired by the moderator to declare their minds by a vote, which they did, and it passed in the negative.

It was again put to vote by the Moderator, at the desire of the persons aforesaid, whether the Town would abate the said New Precinct their proportion of the charge of all other Schools in the Town provided they will maintain one amoung themselves, It again passed in the negative.

Further, the voters were desired by the moderator to declare their minds by a vote whether they would have any Bulls & Boars kept at the charge of the Town, which they did, and it passed in the affirmative

Bulls & Boars. Then voted, that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this town shall enter with the Town Clerk, a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at least, before the first day of May next, to be kept for the towns use until the Twenty ninth day of September next ensuing, shall receive Twenty shillings out of the Town Treasury, Provided There be not so entered above the number of eight, Two whereof to run at large.

Then voted, that whoever shall enter as abovesaid a good sufficient Boar, within the term abovsaid of six months old at least, to run at large for the use of the Town the year ensuing, shall Receive out of the Treasury the sum of Ten shillings, Provided y^t there be not above foure so entered.

Black birds — Then also voted, that whosoever shall kill any black-Birds in the Town old or young, shall be paid as they were in the year past, both with respect to the price and season, they bringing their heads, as was voted the last year.

Agreeable to a vote of the Town November 17th. 1727, Mr. Benjamin Neall, one of the Committee chosen to manage the affair of selling the stones in the Towns Comon &c. made report that he had with the consent of John Ruggles, another of said committee agreed with Samuel Savel Junr. for a parcel of Stones before Dugg by s^d Savel, being near Three Boat loads, at thirty shillings, to be paid by said Savel therefor, but Savel not having removed them the said Neall had received no money therefor.

further the said Benjamin Neal reported that he had agreed with Benjamin Everden of Dorchester for a Mill-stone he found said Everden carrying away, the said Everden having obliged himself to pay Thirty shillings therefor.

[175] Voted to ye Clark, £3.10–0 Then also voted that Mr. Joseph Parmenter, should bepaid out of the Town Treasury Three Pounds and ten shillings: Thirty shillings whereof for his service the last year as Town Clerk, and forty shillings as a Gratuity

the Treasurer £2.10–0. Then also voted that Benjamin Webb should receive Fifty shillings out of the Treasury for his service the last year, as Town Treasurer.

The warrant for calling the meeting Returned by the Constables were as follows, vizt.

To M^r. Eliezer Veasey Constable of Braintree, Greeting,

Warrant. In his majesty's name you are required forthwith to

warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants belonging to the North Precinct in said Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs, as the law directs, that they meet at the north meeting house in said Town on monday the fourth Day of March next ensuing the day of the Date hereof, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, then and there, *First.* To chuse a Moderator. *Secondly.* To chuse Town Officers as the law directs. *Thirdly.* Whereas there is another Precinct in the south end of this town: To consider whether the Town will do anything as to the Regulating of the School. *Fourthly* To see whether they will allow as usual for Bulls & Boars for the use of the Town, as likewise for the destroying of Black birds, hereof fail not making return of your doings herein to one or more of the Selectmen, upon or before the time above prefixed, dated in Braintree the seventh day of February 1728.

By order of the Selectmen Joseph Parmenter Town Clerk.

The other warrant Committed to and returned by Ephraim Jones, Constable, being verbatim with this.

The return whereof being accepted.

[176] April 3d a meeting about the 60,000£ loan Pursuant to an act of the Great & General Court, for Raising and setling a Publick Revenue for and Towards defreying the necessary Charges of this Government, by an emission of sixty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit on this Province: wherein the Province Treasurer is ordered and directed to distribute the same to the several Towns within this province &c.

Se ye Law Book Page 395–6 The Selectmen having been notified by the said Treasurer, issued out their warrants to the Constables of the Town for calling a meeting of the Freeholders, to choose Trustees, Qualified as in the act is provided, to take, out their proportion of the said Sixty Thousand Pounds, if the said Freeholders saw meet to take it.

being £552 the towns proportion Moderator. Pursuant wherunto Having been duly warned they assembled on Wednesday the third day of April Anno Domoni 1728, and being so met after the Clerk had Publickly Read the Treasurer's notification, The Warrants with the Returns and likewise the act aforesaid. They proceeded & chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator, who accepting & taking his place.

The said Moderator then demanded of the voters present whether they would Receive from thear Treasury their proportion of the said Sixty Thousand Pounds desiring them to show their minds by a hand vote, which they did, it passing in the affirmative

The Moderator, further demanded of the said voters whether they would choose five Trustees to receive & let out the said Bills of Credit agreeable to the said act: which was also voted in the affirmative.

The moderator further asking whether Ten Pounds should be the lowest sum to be let out as aforesaid.

It was voted in the affirmative, and again whether forty Pounds

should be the highest sum to be so let which also passed in the affirmative

At the desire of some persons a vote was then asked whether if a number of Persons should appear, to the Towns acceptance They would take a sum of money therefor, It passed in the negative, but some persons being dissatisfied It was asked whether they would Reconsider that thing and it passed in the negative

They then proceeded to chuse Trustees for the receiving and leting out the said Bills of Credit and Mr. Benjamin Neal, Mr. Joseph Crosbey, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, Mr. John Thayer Junr. & Mr. Samuel Curtiss, being nominated they were voted to be trustees for the receiving and Letting out the said Bills agreeable to the votes abovesaid, Provided they would [**177**] become Bound Jointly & Severally to the Town Treasurer in behalf of the Town (in & for the whole) for the paying in the interest thereof annually as it shall become due excepting one ℔ cent thereof (a part of the Towns Interest) and the Principal at the respective times, set in the said act, for calling in the same, until the whole of both Interest and principal shall be paid wch said office & charge all the above named persons accepted.

The Warrants for calling the said meeting Returned by the Constables were as follows, vizt,

To John Adams Constable of Braintree, Greeting.

Pursuant to an act of the Great and General Court or assembly of his Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England &c for the Emitting the sum of sixty Thousand Pounds, in Bills of Credit, To be lodged in the hands of the Province Treasurer, and to be by him distributed to the several Towns within this Province, Having been notified by the said Treasurer.

These are to order and require you, and you are hereby ordered & required, forthwith to warn all the Freeholders of the North Precinct in the said Town of Braintree that they meet at the north meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the third day of April next ensuing the date hereof at twelve of the clock at noone then and there, first to chuse a moderator, and then to consider and determine whether they will take their proportion of the said sixty Thousand Pounds, and if they see meet so to do Then to choose Trustees qualified as in the Act is provided to take out the same and dispose thereof agreeable to the said act, and such Instructions as shall then be given them. Hereof fail not, making return of your doings herein to one or more of the Selectmen before the time prefixed. Dated the nineteenth day of March annoq Domini 1727/8.

By order of the Selectmen Benjamin Webb, Town Clerk.

The Return as follows —

Braintree, March 25, 1728.

Pursuant to this warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the North Precinct of Braintree to meet at the Time & place and for the business within mentioned

John Adams Constable.

The other Warrant Committed to and returned by Ephraim

Jones Constable being verbatim with this and the Return of the like Tenor, only the word (Precincts in stead of Precinct) The Two South precincts being warned by virtue thereof.

[178] May 15th. 1728

Pursuant to the Precept to the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree, to assemble the free Holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified for the choice of a Representative &c

Representative. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified as by Law required (Having been by vertue of warrants from the Selectmen duly warned) assembled on Wednesday, the fifteenth day of may anno Domini 1728, and being so assembled, after the warrants were publickly Read with the Returns thereof, the meeting proceeded to bring in their votes for a Representative, which being examined, it appeared that John Quincey Esqr. was chosen Representative by a major part of the whole votes, after which.

Moderator. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled by vertue of the warrants abovesaid proceeded as by the warrant directed, first, to chuse a Moderator and Capt. Peter Adams being first nominated was voted Moderator, who accepting and taking his place

Committee to just accompts with the Selectmen & Treasurer. A motion was made for the choice of a Committee to take an account of the Selectmen of their disposal of the Towns money, heretofore Granted for defreying the Towns Charges, and to adjust accompts with the Town Treasurer, upon which Mr. Benjamin Neal, Mr. John Adams & Mr. John Hollbrook, being nominated were chosen a Committee for that affair.

Grant of £100 — to defrey Town charges — Then also voted that the Town should be assessed the sum of One hundred Pounds for defraying the necessary charges of the Town this present year. £100 —

The moderator then put the Question to the Town whether the Middle Precinct in the Town should have libertie to move the school now kept in that Precinct to Two other places, to be kept at each place a third part of the year, (or half a year at each if the said Precinct see cause) Provided the said Precinct will be at the whole charge of such removal; the places nominated being, one at the south east corner of the little Pond where the ways part, and the other near the house of Nathaniel Wales, and it was voted in the affirmative

[179] Surveyors of Shingles &c. The meeting then proceeded to chuse Surveyours of Clapboards & Shingles; and Thomas White Ebenezer Field, Joseph Neall *Secundus* and Joshua Hayward, being nominated were separately voted Surveyors as abovesaid.

The Brand — It was then also voted that the Brands of the Town for Shingles & Clapboards should be a small [B] and that each of

the surveyors should have one, being all made alike & at the Towns charge.

Warrants — The Warrants for calling the said meeting, Returned by the Constables were as follows viz[t].

Suffolk ss. To John Adams Constable of the Town of Braintree within the County of Suffolk, Greeting.

In his Majestys name you are Required forthwith to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the north Precincts in the Town of Braintree aforesaid, that have an estate of Free-hold in Lands within this Province or Teritory of forty shillings ꝑ *annum* at the least; or other estate to the value of fifty Pounds Sterling. To assemble at the North Meeting house in said Town, on Wednesday the fifteenth day, of this Instant May, at Twelve of the Clock at noone: Then & there to elect & depute one or more persons (being free holders & Resident in the same Town according to the number Set & limited by an act of the General Assembly, to serve for & Represent them in a Great and General Court or assembly, appointed to be conven'd held and kept for his majesty's service at the Court house in Boston, upon Wednesday the twenty ninth Day of May Instant, and further you are hereby required timely to notifie & Sumon the Person or Persons so elected and Deputed by the Major part of the electors present at such Election, to attend his majesty's Service in the said Great & General Court or Assembly on the day above prefixed by nine in the morning and so *De Die in Diem* during their Session & Sessions. And you are alike Required to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town of Braintree duly qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the place abovesaid and on the day set as abovesaid, at Two of the clock in the afternoone, then & there *first* to chuse a Moderator, *Secondly* to grant such sum or sums of money as are necessary for defreying the necessary charges of the Town this Present year *Thirdly* To consider and determine whether the Midle Precinct in the said Town shall have liberty to move the schoole kept in the said Precinct and *lastly* to choose a fit person or Persons to Survey Clapboards, & Shingles as the laws of the Province require, hereof fail not and make Return of your doings herein to one or more of the Selectmen sometime before the said day Dated at Braintree the second day of May in the first year of his Majesty's Reign King George the Second &c annoq Domini 1728. [180]

By order of the Selectmen Benjamin Webb, Town Clerk.

The return

Braintree May 10th. 1728.

I have warned the Inhabitants of the North Precinct of Braintree to appear at the time & place and for the business within mentioned John Adams Constable.

There being another Warrant verbatim with this for warning the south Precincts committed to Ephraim Jones Constable & by him Returned, the Returne being to the same effect with that above written.

On December 30th. 1728, The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town assembled In a Town Meeting, being called thereto by a warrant given out by order of the Selectmen, Dated December 18th. 1728, the contents whereof were as followeth, vizt.

first To choose a Moderator. *Secondly* To consider of & do what may be needful and proper to be acted & done to prevent the great Damage the Town suffers by some particular persons, who (without Liberty from the Town) Digg & carry off the stones from the Towns Common.

Meeting about Stones. *Thirdly* to consider and determine whether it may not be for the Towns advantage to demise or Let the said comon or a part thereof, and if so, to proceed thereon accordingly.

Lastly To consider and determine whether they will allow a way (heretofore layd out by the Selectmen, at the desire of sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town) thorow Colle. Quinceys Farm, to be a town way &c as may bee seen more at large by the warrants on file. [181]

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants being met as abovesaid, the warrants with their Returns being Read. They proceeded & chose Capt. Peter Adams moderator, after which they proceeded to act upon the first article or clause in the warrant, and after sundry votes were passed, Preliminary or Introductory to an order or by-law concerning the stones, which seemed by those votes to be thing design'd, a vote for confirmation of what had passed was called for, but it passed in the negative, and so the whole affair was brought to a non pluss. The other articles in the warrant were discoursed on, but no vote passed thereon. After which some persons declaring their judgments that it was improper or at least unnecessary to Record the votes that had passed, seeing the things could not be effected; a vote was asked whe— the votes that had passed should be put on Record, and it passed in the negative.

On January 31st. 1728/9 About dividing the town.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled in a town meeting, Pursuant to warrant therefor Issued out by order of the Selectmen, The contents whereof are as follows, vizt. First to choose a Moderator, nextly To consider & Determine whether it may be for the advantage of the Town to be divided into Two Towns, and if it shall be so concluded & determined by the major part of the voters then present, Then to pass such farther votes or acts as shall be proper & needful for the effecting and compleating the same, in such manner as shall be least prejudicial to the whole when so divided.

And being so assembled they proceeded to bring in their votes for a moderator, which being examined, it appeared that Mr. Thomas White was chosen moderator by a major part of the votes, who accepting & taking his place, after some Debate upon the matters contained in the warrants, It was then voted, that a Committee be chosen in behalf of the Town to confer & agree

upon methods for dividing the Town and the interests thereof, and to lay the same before the Town at their next meeting for their acceptance, the said Committee to have consideration of the dividing line

Committee Then also voted that a Committee of eight men (foure in the North Precinct & foure in the other Precincts) be chosen for the affair abovesaid after which major John Quincey, Lt. Joseph Neal, Mr. Benjamin Beale, Mr. Joseph Crosbey, Mr. Thomas White, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, Mr. Benjamin Ludden and Mr. Richard Thayer *Secundus* being nominated were separately voted to be of the Committee abovesaid, after which, a vote being passed therefor, the meeting was adjourned until the last monday in february next, at one of the clock afternoon.

[182] 1728/9 On February 24th. 1728/9

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town, being assembled by adjournment from January 31, last past, to Receive the Report or agreement of the committee chosen at their meeting on the said thirty first day of January to agree upon method for dividing the Town &c.

The said Committee appeared & presented their agreement thereabout in writing, subscribed by all the said Committee (& being now on file) containing eight articles, which was publickly Read in the said meeting, after which, upon a motion made the question was put whether the agreement of the committee should be voted article by article, and it passed in the negative.

The question was then put whether all the articles thereof should be voted upon at once, it passed again in the negative.

The Question was then again put, whether they would accept of the Report of the said Committee. It passed again in the negative.

After this upon a motion made, The Question was put, whether they would Reconsider their last vote vizt. of non-acceptance and it was voted in the affirmative.

Then again, The Question was put, whether they would accept of the Report of the Committee, and it passed in the negative

Upon which the meeting was dismissed.

Braintree March 3d. 1728/9 The Anniversary Town Meeting 1728/9.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly qualified (& being Legally warned) assembled for the choice of Town officers for the year ensuing (with other matters Inserted in the [183] Warrant for calling said meeting, the contents whereof are as followeth vizt. First, to chuse a Moderator. 2. To chuse all Town-officers as the law requires & directs. 3 To Grant money (if it be thought needful) to defrey necessary Town charges. nextly. To determine whether they will allow as heretofore for Bulls & Boars that shall be kept for the Towns use, and also for the destroying of Black Birds

Town Clerk. And being so met and the meeting opened, they

proceeded to bring in their votes for a moderator, upon examination whereof it appeared that Major John Quincy was chosen moderator by a majority of the votes, who accepting & taking the charge thereof asked a vote for a Town Clerk, and Benjamin Webb being nominated was accordingly chosen by a Major vote and immediately sworn to true & faithful execution of said Office.

Selectmen. The Selectmen next chosen, who are Mr. Benjamin Beal, Deacon Samuel White, Dec. Samuel Savel, Mr. William Hunt & Mr Joseph Crosby.

Choice of Constables. five refused & paid. Constables Eph Jones, Benj[a]. Hayward, Sam[l]. Bass Jr. N. Precinct. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Constables and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared That Thomas Bolter, John George and John Allen were chosen constables, but these all declaring their non-acceptance, the meeting proceeded to another choice, and by a majority of votes Peter Newcomb & Benjamin Hayward were chosen (there being a Tye between Samuel Hayden & Nathaniel Littlefield, but Peter Newcomb declaring his refusal to serve they again proceeded to the choice of Two, and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that John Ruggles & John Hollbrook were chosen, but John Ruggles declaring his Refusal, they again proceeded to the choice of one, and by a majority of votes Samuel Bass was chosen & accepted after which John Hollbrook having agreed with Ephraim Jones to serve in his Room, presented him to the meeting for acceptance, who accordingly voted their acceptance of the said Eph[m]. Jones to serve for the said John Hollbrook.

Town Treasurer. Treasurers allowance for y[e] year past £3. The Moderator then asking of the meeting their votes for a Town Treasurer, the votes being brought in it appeared that Benjamin Webb was chosen Town Treasurer for the year ensuing, who having served In the year past, in the said office, The Moderator put the Question to the meeting whether they would allow the said Benjamin Webb for his service the last year as Town Treasurer, Three Pounds, and it was voted in the affirmative. £3.0.0 [184]

They then proceeded to the choice of other Town Officers, and the following persons were chosen, by hand votes, to their Respective offices as follows, viz[t].

Surveyors of Highways	Moses Belcher Jun[r].
	Ebenezer Crosbey
	Caleb Hobart
	Richard Thayer Sen[r].
	John Curtis &
	Joseph Wales.
Tithingmen	John Spear.
	Jonathan Webb.
	Ebenezer Thayer
	William Noys.
Fence Viewers	Joseph Brackett.
	Ebenezer Field
	Ebenezer Newcomb.
	John Hayden.

Hoggreves	Nathan Spear. Nathaniel Belcher Deering Spear. Hezekiah Thayer William Penniman
Sealer of Leather,	John Beale.
Surveyor of Clapboards & Shingles	Samuel Belcher Moses Payn Junr. Thomas Copeland Thomas Vinton.

[185] 1729. Bulls.

Then voted, that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter with the Town Clerk a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at least, before the first day of May next ensuing, to be kept for the Towns use till the Twenty ninth day of September next, following, shall be paid out of the Town Treasury the sum of Twenty shillings, Provided there be not above eight in number, so entered, Two whereof to run at large.

Boars. Then also voted that whosoever shall enter as above said a good sufficient Boar of six months old at least, within the term abovesaid for the use of the Town, and to run at large, the year ensuing shall be paid out of the Treasury the sum of Ten shillings Provided there be not above four so entered.

Birds Then also voted that whosoever shall kill any grown Blackbirds within the Town, before the last day of May next ensuing shall be paid out of the Treasury three pence ℔ head and for all young ones within that time a half penny ℔ head, and from the said last day of May to the last day of November next, one ℔penny ℔ head for all so killed ; they bringing the Heads of all, to any of the Selectmen or Constables.

Representation of the Selectmen concerning the bounds between this Town & Abington.

Being Represented to the Town this Day by the Selectmen that the bounds between Abington and this Town lately said to be run out & marked by the Honble Coll^{e} Samuel Thaxter to the intersection between Weymouth & Braintree are Really not so far run out & marked by means whereof, the selectmen of this Town are rendered uncapable at present of prosecuting according to law, the renewing thereof, and so Damage may ensue thereupon to the Town :

A, vote thereon. Voted, that the Selectmen or any three of them be a Committee in the Towns behalf to present a memorial to the General Court at their next sessions, praying the Courts consideration of the premises and Relief therein.

Clarks allowance for the year past, 30/— Then also voted that Thirty shillings be allowed to Benjamin Webb, for his service the year past as Town Clerk.

[186] May 20th. 1729

Pursuant to the Precept directed to the Selectmen of the Town Requiring them to assemble the Freeholders and other qualified

Inhabitants of the Town for the choice of a Representative &c they accordingly Issued out their Warrant for calling a meeting of the Freeholders &c To chuse a Representative (with other matters inserted in the warrants) who (having been regularly warned assembled on May 20th. the day appointed and being so assembled, and the meeting opened.

Representative. They proceeded to bring in their votes for a Representative, which being examined it appeared that Majr John Quincey was chosen Representative having all the votes except one.

Moderator The meeting then proceeded to the choice of a moderator, and Majr. John Quincey being nominated, was chosen (by hand votes) moderator for that day, after which the matter of Granting money to defrey Town Charges was considered and then also.

Town tax [91 & 49] £140 Voted that one hundred & forty Pounds should be Raised by assessing the Town, for defreying the ordinary charges of the Town & paying Major Quincey for his service as Representative the last year.

A way thorow Coll. Quinceys farm &c. Then voted, that the way laid out by the Selectmen Octob. 28, 1723, thorow Collr. Quincey's farm & the adjacent farms or lands, to the way leading from Squantum's Neck in Dorchester, to Milton, be continued to be a drift way for the use of the Town, and to be a Rod & a half wide, and that the proprietors of the lands thorow which it lies, shall have liberty to hang Gates for their security.

The matter of dividing the Town reconsidered. The question being then put by the Moderator, whether the meeting would reconsider the report or agreement of the Committee laid before the Town on Feb: 24, last past, about dividing the town, & It, passed in the negative.

[187] Petition of new Precinct Upon the petition of John Niles, Thomas Wales and Samuel Bass in the behalf of the New, South Precinct in Braintree, to, be sett off a distinct & Separate Township, for the reasons therein inserted: It was Voted (in case the Great & General Court will set them off as a distinct Township, with the addition of some *Stoughton* Lands and the farms belonging to the Haywards adjacent) that the prayer of their Petition be Granted.

Petition of Wm. Taunt. William Taunt also presented a Petition to the Town, wherein he set forth that by breaking his legg, & being long lame and uncapable of business he was reduced to low circumstances: and therefore desired of the town the loan of five Pounds for a year. It was,

Voted, that the said William Taunt shall receive five Pounds out of the Town's Treasury, for his relief not to be Repaid.

Selectmen & Treasurer accts presented to ye town. Then also, the Committee Chosen May 15th. 1728, to take an accompt of the Selectmen, of their disposal of the Towns money &c and to ad-

just acct^{s}. with the Town Treasurer, Presented their accompt to the Town Dated June 3^{d}. 1728, The acceptance whereof was voted. Then also

Treasurer Discharged of 267: 8: 5 Voted, That Benjamin Webb, Town Treasurer be discharged of the sum of £267–08–05, being the sum total of his disbursements in the said accompt.

Committee to adjust accompts &c. Then voted That Mr. Benjamin Neal, Mr. John Hollbrook & Mr. John Adams bee a Committee to examine & adjust accompts with the Selectmen and the Town Treasurer, and present their doings therein to the Town, at their next meeting.

The warrants for calling the meeting in which are contained the particulars voted on, are on file.

1729/30 On February 4th. 1729/30. [188]

The Particulars of ye Warrant. The Inhabitants of the Town being assembled in a Publick Town meeting upon legal warning, the contents of the warrants by which they were called Together being First, to chuse a Moderator, after which to consider and determine, First whether they will comply with the Proposal made & sent by the Town of Scituate to this Town to joyn with them and some other Towns in order to the making a new County.

Secondly Whether they will comply with a motion or desire of the House of Representatives (Recommended to all such as have a Regard to New Englands welfare) to raise money for the supply of Francis Wilks and Jonathan Belcher, Esq^{rs}. agents for the said house in the Court of Great Britain to enable them to sollicite the affair & perpetuate the peace and tranquility of this country, and prevent the mischief, that is likely to ensue on the want thereof. Lastly, whether they will demise or let the Towns Comons or any part thereof, and if not whether they will do any thing to restrain or prevent the carrying off the stones of the said comon as has been done of late to the great prejudice of the Town.

Moderator. They then first chose John Quincey Esqr. Moderator

The Proposal of Scituate voted on— Next, after some considerable Debate upon the thing proposed by the Town of Scituate concerning a new County, The Question was put by the Moderator whether the meeting would come into the Proposal made by the Town of Scituate about the matter aforesaid, so far as to chuse agents to treat with their agents thereabout, and it passed in the negative.

The Question was then put by the Moderator, whether It were the mind of the meeting that the Select men with the Town Clerk should notify the Town of Scituate of this vote, and that it should be left with them to answer the aforesaid proposal, it passed in the affirmative.

The affair of raising money for the agents dismissed The second article in ye warrant was then discoursed upon, and the meeting being sensible that they could not (as a town) Raise money upon

that Head, the thing was Dismissed and the Inhabitants left to subscribe as they pleased.

Next the matter of the comon being a while Debated The Question [189] was put whether it was the minds of the meeting to chuse a Committee to consider of some method for regulating the comon, and make Report thereof at the next Town meeting, and it passed in the affirmative.

Then also voted that the said Committee should consist of seven Persons (any five of which should be a Quorum to act in the said affair.

The Committee then voted seperately, were Coll. Edmund Quincey Maj^r John Quincey, Mr. Thomas White. Mr. Joseph Crosbey, Mr. William Hunt, Mr. Nehemiah Hayden, & Benjamin Webb.

Then also voted, that the same Committee (or any five of em) should have power to prosecute any such person or persons as shall carry off any stones from s^d. comon before the next Town meeting.

The Anniversary Town Meeting 1729/30.

Braintree, March 2^d. 1729/30.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs (and having had Legall warning) assembled for the Choice of all Town Officers for the year ensuing and for the transacting such other affairs or business as are inserted in the warrants, for calling said meeting the particulars whereof are as follows.

First, To Chuse a Moderator, nextly, to chuse all Town officers which by Law are Required to bee annually chosen. After which to consider and determine, First whether they will allow as heretofore to such as shall keep Bulls & Boars for the Towns use, and also for the killing of Black birds.

Secondly, whether they will allow & order, that the Highways in the Town shall for the future be mended or repaired by a Town rate. *Thirdly*, whether they will Grant Deacon Samuel Savel a small piece of the comon for the advantage of shortening his fence. *Fourthly*, whether they will renew Mr. Moses Belcher's Lease and let him that part of the Towns Land in his improvement for a longer term.

[190] *Lastly*. To receive the report of such Committees as have been improved in any business or affair of the Town, and (if they see cause) to pass any further necessary acts, for the Regulating or better Improvement of the common Lands in the Town.

Moderator. And being so assembled and the meeting opened they proceeded to the choice of a Moderator and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that Mr. Benjamin Neal was chosen Moderator who accepted &c.

Town Clerk. A vote was then asked for a Town Clerk, and Benjamin Webb, being nominated was accordingly chosen and immediately sworn to the true and faithful execution of said office.

Selectmen The meeting then proceeded to bring in their votes for Selectmen which being examined, It appeared That Mr. Joseph

Crosby Mr. Benjamin Neal, Mr. Jonathan Hayward, Ensign Samuel Baxter & Mr Benjamin Allen were chosen Selectmen by a majority of votes

Constables John Vesey — Joseph Spear Sam[l]. Hayden Jun[r] Memorandums — Joseph Spear refused to take the oath and paid the fine five Pounds. Then the meeting proceeded to the choice of Constables, and the votes being brought in and Collected it appeared that John Vesey, Joseph Spear and Nathaniel Littlefield were chosen Constables, But Nathaniel Littlefield declaring his refusal, they proceeded to the choice of another and their votes being examined It appeared that Samuel Hayden Jun[r]. was chosen.

They then proceeded to the choice of other Town officers and the following persons (being nominated) were chosen by hand votes to their Respective offices as follows, viz[t]

Town Treas[r]. his allowance for the year past £3. 10–0. To the Office of Town Treasurer was chosen Benjamin Webb: who having served in that office the year past, the moderator put the question to the meeting whether they would allow him for his services the year past three Pounds and ten Shillings and it was voted in the affirmative.

[191] 1730.

Surveyors of Highways. To the office of Surveyors of Highways, was chosen Joseph Neal, Secundus, John Marshall, Thomas French, Samuel Wild, Christopher Dyer and Samuel French.

Tithingmen. To the office of Tithingmen, Samuel Tompson, Ebenzer, Crane, Nathaniel Wales, & Ephraim Thayer.

Fence Viewers To the office of Fence Viewers, Christopher Webb, David Bass, Ephraim Arnold, Joseph Thayer and Samuel Bass, Quartus.

Hoggreeves To the office of Hoggreves, Jonathan Baxter, Richard Bracket, Benjamin Hunt, Nathaniel Spear Jr, & Moses French.

Sealer of Leather. To the office of Sealer of Leather, John Beale.

Surveyor of Clapboards & Shingles. To the office of Surveyor of Clapboards and Shingles, Ephraim Arnold, William Field, Samuel Belcher & Thomas Vinton.

Bulls Then voted, that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter with the Town Clerk a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at least before the first day of May next ensuing to be kept for the Town's use 'till the 29th. day of September next following shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Twenty shillings, Provided there be not above twelve so entered six whereof to be in the North Precinct: Four of the aboves[d]. number to run at large. Two of which Foure to be in the s[d]. North Precinct.

Boars. Then also voted, that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter as abovesaid a good Sufficient Boar, of six months old at least before the first Day of May next To be kept for the use of the Town the year ensuing to run at large shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Ten shillings Provided there be

not above foure so entered. Two whereof to be in the North Precinct.

[192] 1730.

Birds. Then also voted that whomsoever shall kill any black bird old or young (within this town shall be paid for them as in the year past, according to the seasons in which they shall be killed.

The affair of mending or repairing the Highways came next under consideration and after some considerable Debate thereon the matter was Dismissed.

The matter Relating to Deacon Samuel Savel He saw cause at that time to let fall &c.

That relating to Moses Belcher, after some debate thereon was Dismissed.

Next the Committee chosen by the Town on February 4th. last past, to consider of some method for Regulating the Comon, made their Report thereon in writing as follows vizt.

Report of Committee Wee whose names are hereunto Subscribed being a Committee chosen by the Town at a General Meeting on February 4th. 1729/30 to consider of some method for Regulating the Comon and to make Report thereon at the next Town-meeting, Did pursuant thereunto, on the ninth Day of February aforesaid meet for the business abovesaid and after some considerable Debate thereon, wee concluded, and are of opinion, First, that no Person be allowed from henceforth to take stones for his own use from off the comon for building fencing or the like, without first giving notice to a Committee (by the Town appointed) of his so doing; and Rendering a true accompt of their quantity, and how he disposed of them. *Secondly*, That the Herbage of the said common, and a certain quantity of stones, to be taken off yearly, be let to suitable persons that shall appear to hire the same, as they and a Committee appointed by the Town shall agree, for a certain term of years, all necessary ways being Reserved thorow the same to the adjacent lands. 3d.ly That all the wood on the said Comon, be preserved by a Restraining clause in the Lease &c. Or otherwise wee are of opinion, that it is absolutely necessary, that the Town make some order or orders to prevent the unreasonable Digging up, breaking or carrying off the stones

Edmund Quincey
John Quincey
Benjamin Webb.
Thomas White
Joseph Crosbey.
William Hunt.

vera Copia,

Examd. ꝑ Benjamin Webb,
Town Clerk.

1730

[193] Then the Moderator adjourned the meeting 'till monday the ninth Instant, at nine of the Clock in the morning.

March 9th. 1729./30

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified to

vote in Town affairs being met by adjournment from the Second of this Instant March & the affair of Regulating the Towns Comon being lay'd before them, The question was put by the Moderator. Whether they would accept of the Report of the Committee as it was? & it passed in the negative.

The Question was then put whether it be the opinion of the Town that it is absolutely necessary that the Town make some order or orders to prevent the unressonable Digging up, breaking or carrying off the stones from the Towns Common, and also to prevent the Cutting & carrying off, the wood, it passed in the affirmative.

Then voted That no Person be allowed from henceforth, to take stones for his own use from off the comons for building, fencing or the like, without first Giving notice to a Committee (by the Town appointed) of his so doing and rendering a true accompt of their Quantity, and how he disposed of them.

Then also voted that no stones shall be Dugg or carryed off the Comon for sale or Market untill the Town take further order.

Voted, that no wood, growing, standing or lying upon the Towns Comon shall be cut or carryed off the said Common for the Term of Twenty years, from hence next ensuing.

Voted, that there be a Committee chosen to take care that the votes & orders above said be Duly observed and to prosecute, in the Law, the breakers of them at the Towns charge who [194] shall render a fair & Just account of their proceedings herein once a year, vizt at their Meeting in March.

Then Voted that there be five persons of the said Committee, any three of which shall be a Quorum and but three paid.

The following persons being then nominated to be of the Committee were voted singly, vizt.

Mr. Thomas White.
Mr. Benjamin Neal.
Mr. Joseph Crosby.
Mr. Benjamin Ludden.
Mr. Ebenezer Thayer.

against the votes & orders abovesaid after some of them had been decided by Polling and after one of the Committee was chosen, these following entered their dissent, vizt Dec. Moses Pain.

Dependence French Jr.
John Curtis.
Abijah Allen.
Jonathan Hayden.
Christopher Webb.
Moses Belcher Junr.
Stephen Cleverly.
Sam^{ll}. Cleverly.
Joseph Bracket
Nathaniel Belcher.

Moses Pain Junr.
Samuel Arnold
John French
Ephraim Arnold.
Elkanah Wales

Benjamin Pain.
Joseph Pray.
Thomas Copeland
Joseph Tower.
Moses Belcher
William Belcher.
Benjamin Allen Junr.

Representative May 20th. 1730. Pursuant to the Precept to the Selectmen For the choice of a Representative: The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified, assembled (having had legal) warning) on the day above sd and after the Reading of [195] the Precept, and warrants for calling the meeting they proceeded to the Choice of a Representative and their votes being brought in and examined, It appeared that Major Quincey was chosen Representative, by all the voters present.

Particulars in ye warrants On the same day the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs, assembled to transact some other affairs of the Town Inserted in the warrants. The particulars whereof were. First. To chuse a Moderator. 2 To Grant money for the defreying of the necessary Charges of the Town 3. To chuse a Committee or Committees to Run lines between the Towns Comons, and the lands of Particular persons. 4. To chuse a Constable in the Room of Joseph Spear, who being chosen at March meeting Refused to take the oath. 5. To consider and Determine whether they will allow to the South or new Precinct, either to have the Priviledg of the school in that Precinct a part of the year, or Remit to them so much of the Rates to the Schools as their part thereof is. *lastly*, whether each Precinct shall have the benefit of the money paid by such therein, as refuse to serve in the office of Constables when chosen thereto, as by the warrants on file may more at large appear.

They then proceeded and Chose Mr. Joseph Crosby Moderator

Town Tax, 90£ Then voted that the Town should be assessed the sum of ninety Pounds, for defreying the necessary charges of the Town this year.

To Benja Webb, 30s for service as Town Clerk. 30/ — Then also voted that thirty shillings should be paid out of the Treasury to Benjamin Webb for his service as Town Clerk the year past.

Committee. Then voted that any Three of the Selectmen, Together with Deacon Samuel Bass & Mr. John Baxter be a committee to Run the lines above mentioned

Constable chosen who refused & paid £5 — They then proceeded to the choice of a Constable and the votes being brought in & Collected it appeared that William Nightingal Junr. was chosen, who upon notice thereof refused to serve and paid Down five Pounds in money.

each Precinct the benefit of such money — Then voted, that the money paid by any person or persons for not serving as Constables when chosen, shall be for the benefit of that Precinct In which such Person or Persons Dwells.

another Constable chosen who also paid his money — They then proceeded to the choice of another Person to serve as Constable, and the votes being brought in & examined it appeared that William Linsfield was chosen who was not present at the meeting [see below]

Vote about ye School. The question was then put whether the south or New Precinct shall have the Priviledg of the school to be in that Precinct some part of the year, it passed in the negative.

Memorial. Samuel Payn Junr. Nathaniel Littlefield and John French as a Committee for that Precinct and in their behalf, Presented a Memorial to the meeting setting forth the desire of the Precinct either to have the Priviledg of the School there some part of the year or els that their part of the charge of maintaining the schools should be Remitted to them.

The matters y^{e} in Refer'd &c. Then voted that the matter inserted in the memorial should be referred to the next meeting.

May 21st. 1730 5£ paid

William Linsfield having been informed of his being chosen Constable, came to the Treasurer and declared his refusal &c and paid to him five Pounds money.

[197] On November 2^{d}. 1730.

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town assembled in a publick Town meeting upon Legal Warning, the contents of the warrants for calling the same being *First* to chuse a Moderator. *Secondly* To chose a Constable to serve in the room of William Linsfield who being chosen at a Town meeting on May 20th. last past Refused to serve and paid the penalty for not serving. 3^{d}.ly to consider and do what may be thought needfull & proper about laying out highways in the Middle & South Precincts of the Town, which affair some persons there have desired may be laid before the Town. lastly, to bring in to the Selectmen or assessors a true account of all their Polls & Ratable estates in order to their being assessed to the publick Taxes of this present year, as may by the warrants on file more at large appear.

Moderator And being so assembled they then First chose Mr. Joseph Crosby Moderator.

Nextly, the Selectmen offered to the Town a Petition of sundry person to them being as follows vizt.

Braintree, July 27th. 1730.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree, wee the subscribers, being Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree and obliged to do duty we think it reasonable that wee should have the like Priviledg with others to have a way to pass in, which we are debarred of to our great Damage, there fore we desire the Town to be called together to consider about opening the way already laid out, and to lay out what more ways may be of necessity to be laid out in Cochato, which may be of great benefit to the Inhabitants that live that way and all others, which may have occasion to use it.

Yours to serve
John French.

Ephraim Thayer
Samuel Bass.
Jonathan — Clark.
Richard Thayer.
Shadrack Thayer.
David Eames.

Whereas sundry persons belonging to the South precincts of the Town have presented a Petition to the Selectmen that the Town

might be called together to consider about opening a way heretofore laid out beginning at Cochato line & Running to the land of David Eames (which said way was laid out by the Selectmen May 19th. 1724, at the desire of sundry persons of our south Precinct.

[198] The question was put whether the Town will take the matter into consideration in order to passing any act there about & It passed in the negative.

a Constable chosen. Next they went upon the Choice of a constable and the votes being brought in & examined it appeared that Jonathan Hayward Junr. was chosen Constable.

Vote of 8£ ℔ annum towards a schoole in new Precinct. A memorial of the new South Precinct was then laid before the Town, which was presented at the last Town meeting (the hearing whereof was referd. to this meeting) concerning a School there: and the Question being put whether the new South Precinct shall have eight Pounds paid out of the Towns Treasury towards supporting a school in that Precinct, yearly untill the Town take further order, the first year to be understood to commence from March last past. It passed in the affirmative.

January 26th. 173$\frac{0}{1}$

Representative. Pursuant to a Precept to the Selectmen for the choice of a Representative (his excellency having dissolved the House of Representatives) The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualifyed assembled upon legal warning on the day abovesaid and after the Reading the Precept, & warrants for calling said meeting they proceeded to the Choice of a Representative, and their votes being brought in and examined It appeared that Major John Quincey was chosen by a majority of the votes.

The Anniversary Town Meeting 173$\frac{0}{1}$

March 1st. 173$\frac{0}{1}$

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly quali fyed, and having had Legal warning, assembled for the choice of Town Officers for the year ensuing, and for other Business inserted in the warrants the particulars [199] whereof are as follows, vizt.

Particulars of ye warrant. First, To chuse a Moderator. Secondly, to chuse Town officers &c. Thirdly, To chuse a Committee to let the Town Lands &c

Fourthly, To consider and Determine whether they will allow as heretofore for Bulls & Boars &c. and for killing Black Birds.

Moderator. Fifthly, To chuse a Register for the County &c wch. particulars are more at large in the warrants on file, and being so assembled and the meeting opened, They proceeded to the choice of a Moderator, and Capt. Peter Adams being nominated, was chosen by hand votes and accepted.

Town Clark. They then proceeded to chuse a Town Clark, and Benjamin Webb being nominated was chosen by hand vote Clark for the year ensuing.

Constables. They then proceeded to ye choice of Constables and the votes being brought in & examined it appeared that David

Bass Samuel Arnold and Thomas Wales were chosen, but David Bass declaring his refusal they proceeded to the choice of another, and the votes being brought in & collected, it appeared that Ebenezer Crosbey was chosen.

Selectmen. Next, they proceeded to the choice of Selectmen and the votes being brought in and examined, it appeared That Joseph Crosby, William Hunt, Richard Thayer Junr. Deacon Samuel White, and John Hollbrook were chosen Selectmen.

Treasurer. They then proceed to chuse a Town Treasurer and Benjamin Webb, being nominated was chosen by hand votes Town Treasurer.

The meeting then proceed to the choice of other Town officers, and the following Persons being nominated were chosen by hand vote to the respective offices following vizt.

[200] Surveyors of Highways. To the office of Surveyor of Highway^{s} were chosen, Eleazer Veasey, David Bass, Josiah Hobart, Jonathan Wild, Samuel Vinton and Alexander French.

Tithingmen To the Office of Tithingmen; were chosen, Samuel Belcher, John Bass, Ephraim Jones, Samuel Wild William Copeland.

Fence Viewers. To the Office of Fence Viewers were chosen, Seth Bass, Samuel Ruggles, Thomas Bolter, Joshua Hayward & Willm. Linsfield.

Hogreaves. To that of Hogreves were chosen, Seth Guliver, Ebenezer Adams, William French, Richard Thayer Senr. and Eliakim Thayer.

Sealer of Leather Sealer of Leather, John Beale.

Surveyors of Clapboards & Shingles. To Survey Clapboards & Shingles were chosen Samuel Belcher, Ebenezer Field, Ephraim Arnold & Thomas Vinton.

Committee to let the Town Lands. They then went upon the choice of a Committee to let the Town Lands, and Capt. Peter Adams, Deacon Samuel White Joseph Crosby, Ephraim Thayer, and Benjamin Webb, being Separately nominated, were separately voted to be a Committee to let the said Town Lands, and any three of them to be quorum to act in that affair.

Term seven years. Then voted that the said Land should be leased for seven years, and no more, by that Committee.

The question was then put whether it should be left to the said Committee to let the lands abovesaid at their discretion, and it passed in the affirmative.

[201] Bulls. Then voted that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town, shall enter with the Town Clerk, a good sufficient Bull of Two years old at least before the first day of May next ensuing to be kept for the Towns use until the 29th. day of September next following shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Twenty shillings, Provided there be not above Twelve so entered six whereof to be in the North Precinct, Four of the said Twelve to run at large, Two of which foure to be in the North Precinct.

Boars. Then also voted, that whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter as abovesaid a good sufficient Boar, of six

months old at least before the said first day of May to be kept for the Towns use the year ensuing & to run at large shall be paid out of the Town Treasury fifteen shillings, Provided there be not above six so entered. Three whereof to be in the north Precinct.

Birds. Then also voted, that whosoever shall kill any grown Black-birds within this Town before the last day of May next ensuing shall be paid out of the Treasury Three pence ℔ head, and for all young ones within that time a half penny ℔ head and from the said last day of May to the last day of November next one penny ℔ head for all so killed, they bringing the heads of all to any of the Selectmen or constables.

Next the Choice of a Register was considered: but the day being Spent, the people mostly gone, and another meeting appointed to be on the fifteenth Instant, It was Defer'd 'till that meeting, and the meeting Dismiss'd. [202]

Contents of ye warrant. March, 15th. 173$\frac{0}{1}$ The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled in a Publick Town Meeting upon Legal warning the contents of the warrants for calling the same being *first* to chuse a Moderator. *Secondly* To Receive the Report of the Selectmen concerning Town ways. Thirdly to proceed to the choice of a Register for the County. lastly to consider and Determine whether each precinct of the Town shall have the Regulation of their Respective parts of the land Granted by the Town to the use of the ministry of the Respective Precincts within the same.

Moderator—And being so assembled they first chose Coll. Edmund Quincy Moderator.

Ebenezer Niles voted Constable in ye stead of T. Wales. Next Thomas Wales, who was chosen a Constable at the annual meeting March 1st. presented Ebenezer Niles to the Town's acceptance, to serve in his Roome, and the question being put whether the Town would accept of Ebenezer Niles to serve as a Constable in the stead of Thomas Wales, it passed in the affirmative.

Votes for Register. They then went upon the choice of a Register and the votes being brought in were sealed up and delivered to Ebenezer Crosby Constable by him to be kept & Returned to the next Quarter Sessions as by Law directed.

Ministry Land continues in the Towns Regulation. The question was then put, whether it were the minds of the Town to proceed any farther in the affair specified in the warrant concerning the appropriated Lands to the use of the ministry and it passed in the negative.

Then the Moderator by a vote of the Town adjourned the Town-meeting to monday ye. 29th. of March next at one of the clock, and the Reports of the Selectmen concerning Townways was left to be then Received

[203] and all matters Relating to Town ways left to be then considered

But before the meeting was adjourned Major Leonard Vassal desired of the Town the liberty of altering the road against his

House for his conveniency, and the Question being put whether the Town would give him the liberty of such an alteration he not damnifying the Road, it passed in the affirmative.

It was then also voted that Mr. Joseph Crosby (one of the Selectmen) with one or Two more of the neighbours should be present and assist therein Mr. Benjamin Neal and Mr Samuel Baxter being nominated, &c.

"This ends the records, contained in Volume first, relating to the action of the Town, in Town Meetings assembled."

"The following, relating to enteries for the keeping of Bulls and Boars, description of cattle marks, and laying out of Town ways &c. is recorded on the latter pages of Vol. 1."

[204] March 6th. 1731–2

Ephraim Thayer Junr. entered a Bull to be kept for the Towns use and to run at large.

Benjamin Veasey entered a Bull to run at large.

also Peter Marquand entered a Bull Ditto.

9th. John Allen entered a Bull to be restrained and Samuel Bass Junr. of North Precinct entered a Bull to run at large.

May 15th. Deacon Samuel White entered a Bull, in case the Town accepted him the entry being too late (to be restrained) Samuel Vinton entered a Boar.

1732/3 March 5th.

Ephraim Thayer Junr. entered a Bull for the Town's use. To be Restrained.

Peter Marquand entered a Bull to run at large.

[205] Mar. 7 Thomas Wales entered a Boar to be kept the year ensuing for the Towns use.

19th. Ebenezer White, entered a Bull to be restrained T. W this dead since.

20 Samuel Vinton entered a Boar &c. & Benjamin Owen entered a Boar &c.

April Deacon Samuel White entered a Bull to be restrained

May 21. Thomas White entered a Bull in ye stead of his Brother Ebenezer's that dyed if the Town accepts him. and Benjamin Hayward entered a Bull in case the Town accepts him, to be Restrained.

Sometime in May Jonathan Wild entered a Bull to be Restrained in case the Town accept him. accepted

July 3d. Samuel Adams entered a Bull to be restrained in case of acceptance.

March 4th. 1733/4.

The Town accepted of Mr. Hawards & Mr. Adam's Bulls each at Twenty shillings.

1737, May 16th.
pursuant to ye vote of the Town on March 7th. last past and by order &c. See ye large Book 12 30/29
Dea. Peter Adams entered a Bull.
William Linsfield, entered a Bull to be restrained
Peter Markquand enterd a Bull & Boar, To run at large.
These all Enered. by Ordr. viz. of ye Selectmen and for the Towns use For ye year ensuing viz. 1737, Attts Richd. Faxon Clerk.

[206] 1737, June 27th.
Samll. Adams to Entered, at large, a Bull.

June 3d. Ommitted, before Ebenezer Crosbey entered a Bull to be restrained.

July 11th. Samll. Wilde Entered. a bull to be restrained these entered. by Ordr of ye Selectmen ꝑ Richd. Faxon, Clerk.

1738
Bulls for ye Towns use entred. by ye Selectmens Ordr. vizt.
John Ruggles one to be restrained.
William Linsfield one at large.
Nephtali Thayer One at large.
Dea. Samll. White one to be restrained
Ebenezer Crosby one to be restrained
John Holbrook one to be restrained.

1739.
Bulls for ye Towns use Entered by ye Selectmens ordr. vizt.
To one Peter Marquands to run at large.
Samll. Adams one to be restrained
Napthali Thayer, one to run at Large.
Dea. Peter Adams one to be restrained
Peter Thayer one to be restrained
Ensign Joseph Wales one bore.
John Holbrook one vizt. a bull.

[209] Braintree, Augt. 10th. 1740.
Left to pay by sd. Thayer, ye whole fee Taken up by Nathaniel Thayer junr. of Braintree two Ram's both White, with a sort of a (V) cut out of the left Ear. One of them hath horns, ye other hath not & were posted accordingly &c. entered ꝑ Richd. Faxon, Town Cler.

Braintree Augst. 12th. 1741.
Left to pay by said Crane & Belcher, ye Whole fee. Taken up at Large two Rams Lambs by Ezecl Crane & Nathll Belcher both of Braintree, both white one with horns. the artificial marks are a puncht Hole in each Ear, with two small half penny's on ye under side of ye left ear of each lamb. posted according to law.
Entered ꝑ Richd. Faxon Town Cler.

Braintree Augst. 25, 1743
Left to pay by said Reed 3/6 Taken up by Abner Reed of Braintree two white Rams running at Large Mark^{d}. with a crop off of ye Left Ear & an Ell in ye Right ear & black on ye right flank said rams were posted according to law. entered ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

Braintree Septr. 27th. 1744.
ye whole fee and ye note left to pay by s^{d}. Hob'.t. Taken up by Caleb Hobart of Braintree, One White ram with Large horns & reded behind s^{d} horns, also with a Crop off of ye left Ear & a noch on ye right Ear. posted according to law. entered ꝑ Rich^{d}. Faxon Town Cler.

1746, Augt. 29th.
Taken up by Nath^{ll}. Belcher of Braintree one White Ram Lamb, ye artificial Mark is a swallows tail cut out of rear (vizt.) ye left Ear & a slit in ye Right Ear.
Entered per me Richard Faxon, Town Clerk.

1746, Sept 2^{d}.
Taken up by Nath^{ll}. Belcher of Braintree one White Ram Lamb with horns, ye Artificial Mark is a peace of ye left ear cut off Entered Sept 3^{d}. ꝑ Rich^{d}. Faxon Town Cler.

1746, Septr. 4th.
Taken up by Nathaniel Belcher four white Ram Lambs two with ye top Left Ear Cut off, one with ye top of ye left ear cut off & a Slit in the right, & one with ye left ear noch^{d} & Black on ye rump, entered ꝑ Rich^{d}. Faxon Town Cler.

1746, Sept 19th.
Taken up by Gideon French & Rich^{d}. Thayer Secundus three white Rams, one with a half penny cut out of ye uper side of each ear, & one with ye top of ye left ear cut off & one Ram Lamb with an half penny cut out of ye uper side of ye right ear, & with a sort of a split in ye upper side of s^{d} ear, Rams having horns, entered ꝑ Rich^{d}. Faxon Town Cler.

1749, Sept. 11th.
Taken up by Lemuel Thayer three ram Lambs, two white ones; & one black one, one white mark^{ed}. with ye top of Both ears Cut of & a Notch cut in ear, ye other white one with a swallows tail cut in each ear; the black ram marked with ye top of ye near ear Cut of & a notch, Cut in both ears. entered ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

[210] 1741 Octob^{r}. 26th.
Entered by Joseph Neal a gun founed Prize^{d} at £03–00–0 as be the acct of Jos. Crosby Esqr. or Justice of the Peace &c. To me under his hand Signified ꝑr Rich^{ed} Faxon Town Cler. afterwards

s^d^ Neal Reported to me that ye Owner appeared as s^d^ Neal s^d^. no fees paid. Entered ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

1745, May 3^d^.
taken up by Jonath^n^ Allen of Braintree (in Damage) a stray horse of a Dark brown collour, with star in ye forehead, & White on ye nose & on ye left foot & a sort of a scar on ye right flank. A true entery ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

1745, June reported to me by s^d^. Allen that the owner had appeared & had paid some charges & goten s^d^ horse again.

1745, July 5th.
Taken up, by Ephraim Jones Junr. (in his enclosure in Damage) a brownish Black Mayr With an old sadle & bridle on her & with two leads twisted into ye maine.
ꝑr Richard Faxon Town Cler.
ye owner appeared and prevented ye further prosecution as I was informed by s^d^ Jones.

1745 Sept. 24th.
Taken up by Elisha Niles of Braintree in Damage a small sorrel Horse Colt, with a White face & one white foot, supposed to be two years old, notified & entered Septr 25th. 1745. entered ꝑ Richard Faxon, Town Cler.
Informed speedily after by s^d^ Niles that the s^d^. Colt was challanged & delivered up.

1745, Octob^r^. 28th.
Taken up Damage fesent by Benja. White a young heifer (by estimation of a year & Vantage old of a Red couler, with a swallows tail cut out of ye right ear.)
ꝑr Rich^d^. Faxon town Cler.
Ditto, Octob^r^. 30th. Enformd, that ye above s^d^. heifer was Mr Pet^r^. Clark vizt So Enformed by Mr. Clark him self entered ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

1747 Feby 8th.
Taken up by Clement Crane (as follows) yesterday being Feb^ry^. 7th. in a Haymow as he was preparing fother for cattle, sundry goods vizt. a mans close body^ed^ Coat, also a bag with a mans shirt vizt. a linin shirt, with two Cotton & linin shirts, six linen arprons and some yards of Linin Cloth, these taken up in Braintree South precinct.

March beginning s^d^ Clement Crane Informed me that the above s^d^ goods were challanged & delivered to the persons claiming them.

[211] 1742, December 23^d^.
William Trask Junr. entered eight Sheep, mark^t^. w^t^ a half penny cut out of the right ear, vizt. ye s^d^. half penny cut out of the under side

1745, May.
The Mark of Jonath Porters are a crop off of right ear.

1748, John Clark entered the mark of his sheep, vizt the top of the left ear cut off & with a swallows tail (so called) cut in the right ear.

1751, May 27th.
James Orbitant, Entered the mark's of his neat cattle & sheep &c. the sd. mark is a crop off of, a split in and noch, all in the right ear, the said noch cut in ye side of ye ear next the heads.

Braintree June 17th. 1748.

1748, June 17th.
Taken up by Joseph Owen a Dark brown Cow a stray with some white under her belley sd. Cow has no artificial marke Entered June 17th. 1748. Richard Faxon Town Cler.
A little after sd. Owen reported that the owner appeared & he proceeded no farther with ye sd Cow.

1748 Novembr. 15th.
taken up by Joseph Nightingale, a stray mayr (Doct.) & of a brownish or mouse couler, with a small white streak or blaze in the face, with some white on the Two hind feet, entered Novembr. 17th. 1748.
sd Nightingal Enformed that Tho Owen appeared & had sd Mayr before ye apraisal.

1748, December 2d.
Taken up by Nathaniel Littlefield & Ephm Hunt a stray a young redd & White Sparkled Bull with some white in his face, some white on his feet & on ye tip of his Tail, but no artificial Marks as they say.

1749, July 29th.
Taken up Damage fesent by Wilson Marsh, a stray Cow of a brindle Couler with some white on each flank & with a swallows Tail & a split in, cut in ye left ear.

December 30th, 1751.
Strays taken up by Ebenezer Thayer Junr. four white Sheep & one black sheep, their marks as follows, ons white wt a crop cut off, off ye right ear, & an half peney cut out on ye under side of ye left ear, one white sheep wt a Crop cut of off ye left ear, one White Sheep wt a Crop cut of, off ye left ear, & a slit In ye right, & one white Sheep wt a crop cut of off ye right ear, & an ell (L) cut on ye upper side of ye same.
One black sheep wt a Crop cut of off ye left ear & two half peneys cut out of ye right, one out of ye foreside & one cut out on the back side of sd ear. [212]
Taken up at large by Ephm. Jones Junr. two Rams, both white on shaged wool, ye other with a short tail, vizt taken up October

21, or 22d. entered the 23d. of this instant octobr. & posted according to law

Attt Richd. Faxon Town Cler.

1743, Septr.

taken up by Jno. Nash running at large two young ewes, one vizt (young Ram) Marked with an ell — of ye neer ear and a noch ondr ye off ear blackened on ye rump, the other Marked. with a slit (or split) on ye off or right ear, & ye neer (or Left) ear (with) a slit (or split ondr. Received & entered & posted September 8th. 1743. ℘ Richd. Faxon Town Cler.

Braintree Octobr. 21st. 1743.

Taken up running at large by the subscriber of ye certificate, one white ram, with other marks natural vizt, with a smuted face & Leggs, and crumpled horns. Marks artificial with ye lope of the left ear cut off & with a split in ye lope & an half penny cut out of ye under side of ye right ear (the memorandum signed wt ye mark of Jno Nash.

Receed. Entered & posted Septr. 21st. 1743.

℘ R. F. Town Cler.

Braintree Augt 20.

Taken up (going at Large) by Joseph Nighingal (of sd Town) four white rams Markd. as follows, 1st. a old white ram something smutted about ye head markd on ye Left ear wt two half peneys & a crop of ye same ear, wt ye ends of the or his horns cut off, 2ly an old white ram Markd. wt a crop of off ye right ear & also a crop of off ye left ear wt a split in, wt large Horns & a brand (e n) on ye left thight 3d.ly a young white ram marked onely in two splits in ye left ear, & wt little stubbed horns, 4th. a young white ram markd. onely wt one split in ye left ear, with large horns. Entred. March 21st. 1744. Posted according to law.

Riched. Faxon, Town Cler.

[213] Braintree December 19th. 1737.

A stray mare, taken up by Peter Marquand, with marks as follows viz, a gray, with Three white feet and a white face.

ye owner a little after appeard as sd Marqds } Declard to me Entered. ℘ Richard Faxon Town Cler.

Braintree December 20th. 1737. { by ye acct of Benja. Allen

Taken up a red steer of about a year and vantage of age wt marks as follows vizt with some white on ye end of his tail, with a swallows tail cut out of ye right ear, and an half penny cut out of ye left ear

Entd. Decd. 26.

Feb. 1737/8 card. In to Mr. Garish pd 6d/—therefor } Entered. Decembr. 26, 1737. Attt Richard Faxon Town Clerk.

Braintree October 6th. 1740 —
Entered by Thomas Crain or taken up by sd Crain a stray mayr of a stone gray Collur and one white foot vizt the right or off foot behind

ye owner appeared } Entered ꝑ Richard Faxon Town Clerk
as I, was, Informed } and send Cared. into ye County.

Braintree November 14th.
Moses Pain Junr then entered a stray Cow taken up by him the 11th. of this Instant, November sd. cow of a pale red couler hair something curled and with a crop off of the lope of the right ear, sd Cow judgd. to be about ten or eleven years old Entd. ꝑ Richd. Faxon Town Cler.
ye owner appeared soon after as sd pain Informed.

Braintree October 8th. 1745.
Taken up at large by Joseph Owen of sd Braintree, a white ram Lamb wt a crop of off ye near ear.

ꝑ Richd.

1730. March 2d. 1729/30.
Peter Marquand entered a Bull to run at large.
also Benjamin Clark entered a Bull to be restrained.
and William Linsfield entered a Bull to go at large.

March 9th. Benjamin Pain entered a Bull to be restrained.

April 28th. John Thayer secundus, entered a Bull to be restrained.

March 1st. 173$\frac{0}{1}$
William Linsfield entered a Bull To go at large (being about two years old.
also Samuel Payn Junr. at new Precinct entered a Bull of three years old.

March, 2d. Peter Marquand entered a Bull of Two years old to go at large.
and Samuel Bass Junr. of North Precinct entered a Bull of Three years old to run at large.

March 29th. John Thayer, entered a Bull to be restrained and John Ruggles entered a Bull to be also restrained &c.

April 8th. Nathan Bracket entered a Bull to Run at large.

12 John Allen entered a Bull to be restrained.
& Deacon Samuel White, Ditto.

March 15th. 1730/1
Joseph Owen entered a Boar of a year old for the Towns use to run at large.
Likewise Thomas Wales entered a Boar for the Towns use to run at large.

[215] March, 4th. Anno 1727/8.
Thomas Wales enter'd a Bull, to Run at large for the Towns use, the time set, in this year.

6th. Peter Marquand entered a Bull to Run at large.

12th. John Ruggles entered a Bull to be kept in a pasture.

27th. Samuel Cleverly entered a Bull to be kept in a pasture.

Apr. 3d. Coll. Quincey entered a Bull Ditto.

17th. Deacon Samuel White entered a Bull, Ditto.

March 4th. Samuel Belcher entered a Boar to be kept for towns use the year ensuing & to run at large.

March 6th. Peter Marquand entered a Boar Ditto.

Apr. 24th. Eliezer Veasey entered a Boar Ditto.

March 3d. 1728/9 —
Samuel Adams entered a Bull, to be kept in a pasture
also Benjamin Clark entered a Bull to be kept in a pasture.

5. Peter Marquand entered a Bull to run at large.
also Samuel Bass, Junr. of North Precinct entered a Bull to be restrained.

17th. Thomas Wales, entered a Bull to Run at large.
John Ruggles entered a Bull to be restrained

Apr. 9th. Deacon Samuel White entered a Bull Ditto.

" 11th. John Thayer, Secuds entered a Bull Ditto.

March 18th. Eliezer Vesey entered a Boar &c.

[216] March the 7th. 1726/7.
Eleazer Vesey, entred a Boar for the use of the Town to run at large.

March the 7th. Deacon Belcher entered a Boar, for the use of the town to run at large.

May 22d. Mr. Thomas White entered a Boar to run at large.

March the 7th. 1626/7
Deacon Belcher, entered a Bull for the use of the town, to go in his pasture.

March 8th. 1726/7.
Peter Marquan entered a Bull of three years old for to be for the use of the Town to go at larg.

March 14th. John Copeland entered a Bull for ye use of ye town to go in a pasture.

March the 23d. Samuel Cleverly entered a Bull for the use of the Town to run at large.
Mr. Benjamin Beall, entered a Bull for the use of the Town to go in a Pasture.

Samuel Vesey entered a Bull (April 17th.) for the use of the Town to go in a pasture.

John Thayer enter'd a Bull 17 April to go in a pasture for the use of the Town

Col. Quinceys also was voted in at a Town Meeting.

March, 1724/5.

Joseph Nightingal entered a Bull to be kept in a pasture for ye use of the Town.

March the 8th. 1724/5.

Joseph Wales entered a Bull for the use of the Town to run at large, of two years old.

March the 11th. 1724/5

Captain Adams entered a Bull for the use of ye town to be kept in a pasture.

April 23, 1725.

John Ruggles entered a Bull for ye use of ye Town to go in a pasture.

John Allen entred a Boar, 17 May 1725, for the use of ye Town

Thomas Holbrook a Boar at ye same time both to run at large.

[217] May 19th. 1724.

at the request of sundry persons of our South Precinct, we laid out a way of two Rods wide to ly open, beginning at the Cochato Line, by Nathaniel Thayer Junior, we laid it as the way then went to Cranberry Brook, from thence at the head of the Lots, that Butt on the Iron Work Land, till we come to the westermost corner of Samuel Whites Land from thence we laid upon a straight Line, to Mr. Niles house and so through the rest of his Farm, as the way then went, till we came about Thirty Rods beyond a great Rock by the way side where we lett the old way, and laid out a new way strait to a black oak Tree, which we marked, from thence upon a strait Line till we got through Mr. Niles Farm to a Rock in Samuel Bass, Juniors Land, near the Line between him & Mr. Niles, thence to the swamp hard by, and so through the swamp, as the way then went, and so strait to a white oak, by the side of John Frenches Field, from thence strait across his Field, Just beyond which we marked a white oak and so on to a pople, thence to another pople which we marked and several other Trees we marked between that and a black oak Tree by Ebenezer Newcombs line, which was the last Tree we marked, the said way to be all along Two Rods wide.

Joseph Crosbey.
Samuel Allen.
Ephraim Thayer.

March 2d. 1723/4.

1723/4 Nathaniel Littlefield entre'd a Bull for ye use of ye Town to Run at large

March 4th. 1723/4

Samuel Vesey entered a Bull for ye use of ye Town to be kept in a pasture.

Captain Adams entre'd a Bull March 12th. 1724, for the use of ye Town to be kept in a pasture.

Joseph Nightingal enterd a Bull 20 March 1723/4 to go in a pasture for the use of the Town.

John Ruggles sometime in April 1724, entred a Bull to go in a Pasture, for the use of the Town.

John Hollis in may 15 entred a Bull to go in a pasture for ye use of ye Town.

Capt. Adams, another Bull 22 May to go in a pasture for ye use of ye Town.

[218] March 27, 1720/1

In running the lines between Deacon Savel & Deacon Payn and Joseph Nitingal and the common Lands we began at a heap of stones at the East corner of Nightingals swamp, which is a corner bounds, from thence we run to a black burch Tree by the side of a swamp near norwest from the heap of stones from that we ran to a line near southwest to a great Oak Tree, from thence to a large stump and thence upon a straight line to the six hundred Acre Lots, then we came back to where we began, and Ran a line near south to a great Rock, from that to another Rock and from thence to a third Rock, and from that to the Highway, and the highway, the bounds to the top of the hill, and from thence a strait line to Faxsons Line) where we markt a young sapline, Run by us the subscribers

Joseph Crosby
Samuel Allen.

Braintree June, 1726.

A Highway layd out over the little Comon, from the end of the lane between Dependence French, and John Copeland, as the fence now stands to Thomas Copelands Barrs. and then southeast by land given by Lawrence Copeland to his son William Copeland near the fence, till it comes to Samuel Arnold's Lane leading to his House: the way to be one Rod & half wide.

By the Selectmen of Braintree,

Peter Adams.
Joseph Crosbey
Ephraim Thayer.

A true entry, examd. ꝑr Benjamin Webb, Town Cler.
entered June 15th. 1730.

[219] Braintree September 4th. 1723.

By ye Selectmen &c.

Whereas there was a Town highway, laid out by ye Selectmen in the year 1690, Feby 16, from ye Country Road leading to Bridgewater, beginning upon ye land of Caleb Hobart, deceased beyond his old Field so called, near ye house of Nehemiah Hayden (now Deceased) & Running to Aldridge Farm near ye coal Pit (a place so called) & so to ye common, as may by ye record thereof more fully appear, and whereas there appears to be several inconveniencies in its lying as it was then laid out at ye desire of several persons in that neighborhood whome it most nearly concerned we the subscribers Selectmen for ye year 1723, in consideration of ye aforesaid inconveniences have ordered that the way aforesaid shall begin about Ten Rods more northward on the country Road, and go thorow ye swampy land as it now goes & is fenced out between ye land of Benjamin Hayden, and ye land belonging to ye Heirs of Benjamin Hobart deceased, till it come to ye land of John Ruggles and from thence straight to a piece of land appertaining to Benjamin Hayden aforesaid near ye Clay Pits, & so thorow ye southernmost side of said Haydens Land by ye line between him & John Ruggles, and then in ye said old way over ye Bridge, as so (as it was before laid out) to the common.

Jonathan Hayward.
Peter Adams.
Samuel Allin.
Benjamin Webb.

Braintree October, 28th. 1723.

We the subscribers selectmen of the Town of Braintree at the request of Sundry of the Inhabitants of said Town, laid out a Private way from the country Road at Coll. Quincey's Gate, thorow his Land, as the way now goes to the brook & from thence straight up the Hill, & along the Ridge, as it has been lately improved, till it meets with the old way, & from thence as it is now Improved to Mr. Wilsons Land, & so by his house & thorow his land by the swamp straight to the causey, in the land appertaining to the Heirs of Ebenezer Hinckley Deceased & from thence as the way is improved to the way leading from Squantum to Milton.

Benjamin Webb.
Peter Adams.
Joseph Crosbey.

[220] Braintree May the 7th. 1723.

Application being made to us the subscribers, Selectmen of ye Towne by the inhabitants & Proprietors of ye Lands in & about Bendalls Farm in ye south part of the Town, for a town way to be laid out from the Country Road to the said Lands, and we judging it very necessary to be done, did on the day above said lay out a way One Rod and a half wide to ly open beginning at the country Road near the house of John Niles senior, and so passing thorow ye land of John Niles Junior, between his Dwelling house & Barne as the way is now improved, and from thence

thorow ye land of Benjamin Niles on the southernmost side of his house & orchard without his ffence as the way has lately been improved till it be past a little Bridge in his land about three or four Rod; then leaving ye way, we turned off to the left hand thorow said Benjamin Niles Land, and thorow a part of Ebenezer Niles his land, and it being brushy or bushy land we opened it by cutting away the bushes where the way is to go, and from thence thorrow a small corner of John Niles' Land to Bendals Line, then Proceeded on said line till it meets with the old Road, at a noted black oak-Bound Tree. then keeping ye Road thorrow Bears swamp Brook to the parting of ye ways by a black oak Tree, then Proceeded as the ways Divided, one way to the Lands of David Bass, and the other to a cedar swamp belonging to Liev^t. Jno. Cleverly allowing liberty to the Proprietors of ye Lands to alter the way a small matter where it may be made better thereby and not more chargable to the Town, also for their own conveniency of Improvement of their Land, we allowed any particular person to alter a small matter if it may, be without Detriment to the way, they doing it at their own charge.

Jonathan Hayward.
Benjamin Webb.
Samuel Allen.

1750 March 25th. the above
Record on a motion made,

[221] March ye 5th. 1722/3.
Captain Peter Adams enter^d a Bull to be kept in a pasture for ye use of ye Town Two years old & beter.

7th March, 1722/3 Samuel Vesey entred a Bull near Three years old to be kept in a pasture

March 18th. 1723) Deacon Belcher entred a Bull for ye use of ye Town to be kept in a pasture.

April ye 5th. 1723, Saml. Arnold, entred a Bull of Two years old &c to be kept in a pasture for the use of the Town.

Nathaniel Littlefield entred a Bull 10th. April 1723, to run at large for y^e use of y^e Town.

Mr. Joseph Crosby entred a Bull 10 April for y^e use of y^e Town to Bee Pastured.

Also Mr. Joseph nightingal entred a Bull of Two years old and better to be kept in Pasture for the use of the Town, this year following.

March y^e 6th. 172$\frac{2}{3}$

Peter Markquan entered a boar for y^e use of y^e Town to run at large y^e year ensuing, a year old & better Benjamin Allin entred a boar to Run at large for y^e use of y^e Town 4th. May 1723.

[222] May the 4th. 1721, Braintree.
we the subscribers selectmen for the Town have as the law Directs, layn out a Town way through a Piece of Land lately in controversey between Mr. Faxson and the Town, from the common

One Rod and ½ wide from the stakes we set down southward, and the same width as the Road now lyeth through Deacon Bass, and Richard Faxson, to the Country road leading to Taunton.

Joseph Crosbey.
Samuel Allen.
Samuel White
Selectmen.

Wee the subscribers, hereunto, Selectmen of ye Town of Braintree being requested by Nathaniel Littlefield, Joseph, Benjamin & Deering Spear, with several others whose concerns lay that way, to lay out a convenient cart way from ye country Road, in ye south part of Braintree, to Dorchester near Punckapaug, Did on the first Day of June 1721, in answer to their Request, begin at ye Rising ground on ye southern side of ye house of Cornelius Thayer's Junior, and from thence laid out a cart way (to ly open) for ye Towns use, a cross ye land of ye said Cornelius Thayer on ye South side of a stake then set down by ye Road, & several stumps standing on ye edge of the hill, and so round ye hill to a cart way in ye Brook, that Runs thorow ye lands in possession of Daniel Thayer, from thence on ye south side of several Stakes we set down & Trees wee marked near a straight Line to ye cart way, on ye south side of ye said Daniel Thayer his land (the way to be a Rod & a half wide) from thence following ye cart way aforesaid thorow ye Land of Cornelius Thayer senior & Deacon Gregory Belcher's, lott, taking ye middle way where ye way parted into Three, and ye upper way on ye side of ye Hill, marking several Trees on ye north side thereof and so keeping ye old beaten Road to ye Lands of Capt John Hunt, from thence keeping ye way that goes to ye sixth Divission of Lotts and so with ye way to Dorchester Line.

Benjamin Webb.
John Cleverly.
Samuel Allen.

[223] The committee chosen the 10th. Day of May 1717, to Inquire into and Inspect all encroachments on Common Lands and private highways, belonging to the Town and the lines and Boundaries betwixt common Lands and Private Persons made the under written Report the 12th May 1718 at a publick Town Meeting.

At Captains Plaine we find the wall on the west side not straight, and suppose it too far in, at one end, of Faxsons Farme we saw an ancient imperfect Platt, we know not but ye Draught might be true, but incompleat and uninteligible having no meridian Line, nor north Point, nor any bound marks described, supposing the Platt true. William Thayer has encroached on the common land and m^r. Faxson has Land lying out by Deacon Bass's we found the fence removed at Nathaniel Owens, we suppose on to the common, and at Benjamin Neal's a small matter, we find ye way to straight at Mr. Crosbey's sloe bushes, and at Lt Cleverly's & other Places in ye North Precinct, at the south end the way is to straight from Elder Wales Barne to John Copeland's, againe on south Road between samuel Payn & Samuel Curtis, and again

between Samuel Payn and Ebenezer Thayer and againe from John Thayer's orchard to Benjamin Hobarts.

John Quincey.
Benjamin Webb.
Samuel French.

[224] Braintree, March the 5th. 1717/18.
We the subscribers hereunto, Selectmen, being met together at the desire of Joseph Nightingal to settle the line between his land on the south side of ye Captain's plaine (so called) formerly belonging to Dea. Samuel Bass Deceased, and the comon ajacent, did together with the said Joseph Nitingall agreeable to a copy of an ancient Record, taken from the Town Records by the Clerk as near as we could settle the said Line as follows viz. to Run straight from the end of the old wall on the Rocks at the southwest corner of said Land, Eastward to an old wall on the top of the hill beyond the round meadow in said Plain and so down the hill to meet with Joseph Adams, Fence on the south side of his Barne which heretofore, belonged to John Bass, and we marked several Trees all along in the said line for bound Trees.

Benjamin Webb.
Samuel Allen.
Samuel White.

John Ruggles entred a Bull ye 7th. March 1718/19 to be kept in a pasture.

Lt. Peter Adams, entred a Bull ye 17th. March, to run at large 4 years old.

Joseph Payne entred a Bull the 18th. March to run at Large.

Ensign Samuel Baxter entred a black Pide Bull of two years old ye 30th. March to be kept in a pasture.

Josiah Faxson entred a Bull In March 1718/19 to run at large.

Joseph Spear, entred a Bull to run at Larg in March 1718/19.

Eleazer Vesey in april 1719 entred a Boar to run at larg for ye towns use

March 9th. 1719
Josep Spear entred a Bull for ye Towns use running at large

March 1719/20.
Lt. Peter Adams entred a Bull, a Bull for ye Towns use to be kept in a pasture.

March 28th. Mr. Josiah Faxson entred a Bull to run at large

March 28th. 1719
Mr. Joseph Adams entred a Bull to be kept in a pasture. also Mr. Jos. Crosby entred a Bull to be kept in a pasture.

March 9th. Ensign Baxter entred a Bull to be kept in a pasture as also Thomas White a Bull to be kept in a pasture and a bore

[225] March 29th. 1716.

we the Selectmen of Braintree have laid out the way that leads to ye Purchase land over menatticut River, the East corner of ye little Pond & so from the Country way as Mr. Jones Fence stands & so round as ye fence stands & so to ye River by Marked Trees and at the River by two Maple Trees, on the Right hand, the one on this side, and on the further side, the other Tree, & from thence in ye old cart way till it comes to William Richards Ffence on the right hand & from thence through Nathaniel Thayers Land, Junior & through John Wilds Land till we come to the Purchase land with marked Trees & Rocks on the right hand all to be one Rod & an half wide

Nemiah Hayden.
Josiah Adams.
Samuel French.

May the 21, 1690

There being complaint made by Thomas Thayer Junior that the way from his Dwelling house, over the Dam into ye country Road was fenced up in Two places, & several of ye neighbours desiring to have that way laid out further than it had formerly been for an out lett into the vacant lands & for their convenience in coming to meeting & mill, we the Selectmen of Braintry this 21st. of May 1690 went to ye Place & opened ye way & continued the way formerly laid out till we came near Richard Thayers (Juniors) house & from thence till we come to ye cart way at ye corner of John Staples land within fence & we marked it out a Rod & half wide by Stakes & Marked Trees.

Alexander Marsh.
John Baxter.
Joseph Crosbie.
John Ruggles.
Samuel Penniman.

[226] Know all Men by these Presents that I Samuel Penniman of Braintry in the County of Suffolk, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, am holden and do stand firmly bound unto the present select men, for the Town of Braintry aforesaid, in the full & Just sum of one hundred Pounds, current money of New England, to be paid to the said Selectmen, or either of them, their certaine Attorney or successors in ye said office of Selectmen, on the behalf & for the use of the said town, To which payment well and truly to be made I bind myself my heirs executors & Administrators firmly by these presents. sealed with my seal this 29th. day of October Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eleven, in the Tenth year of the Reign of Her Majesty Queen Ann.

The condition of this present obligation is such that whereas the above named Samuel Penniman has received of his Brother John Penniman of Swansey in the County of Bristoll in the Province abovesaid, one deed of a certain Tract of land in the Township of Braintry, containing about ten acres of Land (as by said Deed may more fully appear) and have Received of the Selectmen

above named Twelve pounds money, by an order on the Town Treasurer, all which is for the keeping and maintaining the aforesaid, John Penniman. Now know all Men to whom these Presents shall come, that I the said Samuel Penniman Do covenant Promise grant & agree to & with the said selectmen and bind & oblige myself, my Heirs, executors, & administrators to find my Brother the abovesaid John Penniman with good & sufficient, meat drink apparrel, washing & Lodging and with all other things, necessary and conveniant in sickness and in health, during the time & terme of his, the said John Pennimans natural life, and to save the town for ever, from any charge therein, upon ye true and faithfull performance whereof, the above said obligation is to be utterly void & of none effect, but if there be failure hereof contrary to ye true intent & meaning of these presents, then to abide in full force and virtue.

Samuel Penniman.

Witness Mary Adams.
Peter Adams.

A true copy entred by me Jos. Parmenter
Town Clerk.

[227] May 24th. 1714.

According to the vote past for laying out a Town way, from Joseph Whites, to Benjamin Clarks, as the way now runs, we have this day been upon it and from the head of ye lane to the corner of Edward Hills land as the way now leads) Whites fence being on the easterly side and at Elbow hill so called, the way that now is to the way extending extending westerly Two Rods or to a convenient breadth, & so running still as the way leads to an old white oak stump with stones about it, which was an old bound between late Col. Hunt & the whites near their upper corner of land & so by Hunts new frame between an old white oak & said frame & so along to Elder wales Land between a great Rock, with stones upon it & a marked Tree, and so along to Captain Thomas his land, a new fence of posts & Rails being on the west side till we come to a slough, and so ye most easterly way up the hill, and as the way now leads to Samuel Nashes & so to widow nashes & then through or a cross Benjamin Luddens Land to Benjamin Clarks & Joseph Allin, from thence up to cochato as ye way now runs.

Joseph Allin
Nehemiah Hayden.
John Cleverly.
Peter Adams.
Selectmen.

Braintree, February 15th. 1714/15

We the Selectmen (for the year 1714) of ye said Town have by the Request of sundry Persons, Col. Edmund Quinsey, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Rawson, Joseph Crosby & James Penniman have laid out a Town Drift way (not to ly open) one Rod & half wide from Col. Quinceys Gate next the Road as ye way now leads through Mr. Quinceys Land and so through Joseph Crosbyes, & so through

James Pennimans to the old Road that leads, to the Fourscore Acres, from thence from the said Col. Quinseys Land to the brow of the hill to the gate next to Mr. Wilsons, near his Gate by his Brook, and by said wilsons as the way now leads of either side of his Barn, and from thence by a new log fence near a swamp to a black tree, that is oak Tree, to a causway now in the swamp, which he said Rawson hath already made to Mr. Hinkleys Fence, & so between Mr. Hinckleys and Mr William Rawsons, upon Mr. Rawsons ground to the way leading to Milton.

John Mills.
Joseph Allin.
Nehemiah Hayden.
John Cleverly.
Peter Adams.

Leading to the Farms & Squantom.

At the request of John French, Nehemiah Hayden, John Lamb and several of ye Inhabitants Living at Menaticut to lay out Town wayes to common Lands through several Mens Properties, we the Selectmen of Braintrey being met together the 16th. Day of February 1690, in answer to their desires we have laid out a Town highe way from the country highe way leading to Bridgewater, beginning upon Caleb Hobarts Land beyond his old Field bounded by a young walnut Tree on the North, and a walnut stump southerly, and so to run northwest till it comes to Nehemiah Haydens fence and then to run one half upon Hobarts land, and the other half upon Haydens, till it comes to John Ruggles stone wall, then to run along by the wall upon Hobarts Land till it comes to another lot of Ruggles at the end of ye wall, then to go over Ruggles lot & Haydens as the old way goes to the clay Pit, from thence through Thayers land by the fence in the old highway and so through Mr. Sewells Land till it come near the cole Pitts in Aldriges Farm and so through the Farm westerly along by the foot of a great Hill, and so along through a corner of Faxons Farm till it come to the common Lands towards the blew Hills mark^d^. out on the north side of the way by mark^d^. Trees and to be a rod & half wide and more when need required.

This was entered by order.

The other way laid out leadeth from the same Country Road, to the common Lands called Cochato Lands beginning on Mr. Sewall Lands joyning to the lands of Nehemiah Hayden marked out on both sides by marked Trees as the old cart way goeth, over menaticut River through Lands formerly given by Boston for the use of the Iron works, till we come over the Bridge called the fourteen Rod Bridge, marked out all along by marked Trees, on both sides

Transferred by me the subscriber into the Town Book of Records for the Town of Braintrey) the eleventh day of May 1715, by the Order of the then present selectmen (out of Their Book of Records) the then present selectmen, being

Lt. Joseph Neall.
Decon Jos. Allin
Mr. James Bracket
Mr. Samuel French
Mr. John Baxter.

℘ Joseph Parmenter,
Town Clerk.

[229] Braintree 1706.

The Selectmen for this present year have laid out the Private Town way from the Country Road comononly called Taunton Road where it now runs into the Country Road leading to weymouth beginning near the corner commonly called Thayers corner and running to the corner near John Copelands Barn as it now standeth

Memmorandam, July 20th. 1713.

the Selectmen of Braintry, laid out a Way from Rock Island Meadow, bounded by Two Oak Trees, blazed on the right hand, next by a rock on the left then by a walnut tree on the right, by the side of a ledge of Rocks, on the same hand other mark't Trees, till they meet with an old path leading towards the meadows of Peter Hobart, also a way laid out leading over the Town land on Rock Island on the south east side of a Ledge of Rocks, until they come to the south east side of a great Rock by & through Ebenezer Thayer's lands, unto the meadow of John Marshall in ye most convenient Place.

Also a cart way laid out through the meadow of John Hollis 12 foot wide as it is staked and from Rock Island Bridge between Samuel Thompsons meadow and Samuel Pennimans 12 foot wide as it is marked by stakes, by the present selectmen, to the old cart path leading to Haughs neck.

Nehemiah Hayden.
Jos. Neall.
Peter Adams
John Cleverly.

May 24th. 1714.

The highway from william Nightingals is one Rod and half wide from the middle of the old beaten Road each till it comes to the heither end of the widow —— and from thence to a white oak Tree blazed.

[230] Blazed trees on the west side till it comes to the swamp, and then from the middle of the beaten Road one Rod and half wide each side till it comes to a walnut Tree markd. between the Lot of Caleb Hobart & Joseph Neall and so by markt Trees on the west side to the square & compasses and so by markt Trees on the west side till it comes to the north end of Joseph Pains Fences) and then from the middle of the beaten Road, to cirkuits ordnary, one Rod and half wide on each side, and then to run to Samuel Payns fence at the west end of his House and upon a straight line to the Hill, the way to be three Rod from Samuel Payns Fence, and then to run the middle Road by Bayleys Land till it comes to an highe stump, one Rod & half each side, the stump, and so along the Road, as now it runs three Rods wide till it comes to Moors Farm) and so through that Farm by the consent of William Hunt) and so through Ephraim Jones Farm by his consent) and so to run through Nehemiah Haydens Land by the pond with his consent, three rods wide and so to run the old Road till it comes to a white oak Tree between Thomas French & Samuel, a Rod & half wide

each side the Tree) and so to a high stump one Rod and half each side) and so to run in the old Road Three Rod wide till it comes to Pen's Hill so called.

Joseph Allin
Nehemiah Hayden.
John Cleverly.
Peter Adams.
Selectmen.

1717

Benjamin Ludden entred a Bull 11th March 3 yrs Old.

Samuel White Junior the same day entred one of Two year old.

Joseph Adams entred a Bull of Two years old the latter end of March.

John Ruggle entred a Bull the Last of March of 3 yr old

Col. Quinsey Esq entred a Bull of Two year old that was entred ye 1st. April all for ye use of the Town.

ember th 1st 1717 John Ruggle entred another good likely Bull about Two

END OF VOLUME I.

VOLUME II.

BRAINTREE RECORDS.

Anno Domini 1731.

[1] March 29th. Town ways.

At a meeting of the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree by adjournment from march 15th. 173$\frac{0}{1}$ to Monday the twenty ninth day of March next following viz 1731. The Selectmen made their Reports in writing to the Town of Several Town ways by them laid out as follows vizt *First* of a way laid out from Cramberry Brook to Daniel Thayer's House; and after some debate thereon, The question was put by the moderator, whether the said way Reported as abovesaid should be accepted and Recorded for a way for this Town, and It was voted in the affirmative.

next, of a way branching out of the abovesaid way and contained in the Same Report, vizt. from Samuel Bass's eastermost corner, mentioned in the abovesaid Report, running westerly, towards Samuel Nash's fence, and then thorow his land to the cartway that leads to David Eams's, and The Question being put whether this way should also be accepted and Recorded for a Townway, and, it passed in the affirmative.

Next, of away from the Country Road leading to Bridgwater, to, and by Joseph Wales's &c. and the Question being put whether this way should also be accepted & Recorded for a Townway. It passed in the affirmative.

Next, of away leading from the Country Road thorow Coll Edmund Quincy's farm, down to the way leading from Milton to Squantum's neck in Dorchester, and the Question being put whether this way should be accepted and Recorded for away for this Town. It passed also in the affirmative.

The Reports then made to the Town of the Several ways abovementioned being as follows, vizt. Braintree March 173$\frac{0}{1}$

from Cramberry brook to Daniel Thayr's We the subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Braintree, at the request of sundry of the Inhabitants of said Town, on the day abovesaid went on the following ways in order to lay them out, & Run as followeth vizt. Wee began at Cramberry brook, the way to be continued as it is now Improved, till it comes to a White oak Tree, Standing in Nehemiah Haydens Ground by the way side, the way to go on the West Side of the Tree 'till it comes to a Red oak, the way to go on the East Side of the Tree, and so straight thorow Joseph Ludden's Field, and a Lot belonging to Zachariah Thayer's, till it

comes to the West Corner of Benjamin Hunts Land, and then the way to ly on the West Side of the fence which parts said Hunt's & Richard Thayer's Land 'till it comes to Ephraim Thayer's Lot, and then as the way is now improved, 'til it comes to Mr Niles's farm, and then on a straight line, to the East corner of Mr Niles's House, the way to ly on the East side of the House. Then from the East side of Mr Niles's House, that Jonathan Clark now lives in, and so along by the west side of the Fence 'til it comes to the Hill near Paraketes House; and so down that Hill upon the East side said House, and to the eastermost corner of Samuel Bass's Land; then running easterly upon Mr Niles's line 'til we come to a great Chesnut-oak Tree with the Top broke off, one rod upon Mr. Niles's, and one Rod upon the Heirs of Mr Thomas Hollbrook's Lot, late of Braintree Decd; and from the said Tree running straight 'til we come to a brook called Tumbling Brook, the lower way, and from the said brook, straight up to Naphthali Thayer's east corner of his Field, and so upon the east side of the said Field, 'til we come near the House, and from the east side of the Well, (near straight) 'til we come to the Corner of Jonathan Clark's fence now standing, on the way now used, and so upon the west side of that field, as the way now runs 'til we come up to the River near the Ridg-hill, and so upon the east side of that Hill, 'til we come near to Thomas Fenton's House, & so along upon that Hill, on the west side of said Fenton's House, & so when we come into the way we Run as the way is [2] now improved, 'til we come to Danil Thayer's Land, and so running between said Thayer's house and Barn.

and then came back & began again, and laid out away from Samuel Bass's eastermost corner aforementioned, westerly towards Samuel Nash's Fence, then thorow said Nash's land on the north side of a great Pine stump, and so straight to the Cartway, that leads to David Eams's; the way to be Two Rods wide except at the corners or angles in the said way, where it is to be Three Rods wide.

Samuel White.
Joseph Crossbey.
John Hollbroke.
William Hunt.

Braintree, March 17th. 1731.

The way over Coll. Quincy's Farm. This way was voted, accepted &c See page 1st. Whereas, there has been of late, at sundry times a Drift way laid out by the Selectmen of the said Town, thorow the Lands of Coll[l] Quincy & other persons from the Country Road, and beginning at the entrance into the said Quincy's Farm, and running into the way leading from Milton to Squantom's neck (so called) in Dorchester, which several layings out have proved inconsistent, the same having been done sometimes at the desire & for the use of Private or particular persons Proprietors of the adjacent Lands, and sometimes at the Desire and for the use of the Town, and the said way sometimes said to be or called an open way and Two Rods wide, and some-

times said to be or called a private way and not to ly open, and one Rod and an half wide; besides some other inconsistencies and mistakes in the s^d^ layings out, as may more fully appear by the entries thereof made under the late Selectmens hands and of Record in the Town's Book of Records. Wherefore for the preventing the mischiefs & inconveniencies that may arise from the premises, & that the said way as it now is laid out may be known and improved or used for the future according to the true Intent of the Town and parties concerned, and the Laws of the Province also attended. Wee the Subscribers the present Selectmen have Judged it necessary to describe and lay out more expressly the said way and do now Report our doings therein to the Town as follows vizt; that we have laid out a Drift way for the use of the Town from the Country Road, beginning at the entrance of Col^l^. Quincy's Farm, and running thence thorow said Quincy's Land, one Rod & an half wide unto the said Quincy's Brook, and so up the Hill and over the Hill or Ridg as 'tis now improved or used, until it comes to the lands of Mr Joseph Crossbey, over which the way shall be the same wedth, to be taken from the eastermos fence until it comes to the Lands of Ebenezer Crossbey, over which the way shall run as 'tis now Improved or used, and of the above said wedth, and from the said Crossbey's Lands, over the lands of the Heirs of Doct^r^. Wilson late Dec^d^; along by the Dwelling house, and by the swamp straight to the Causey over which the [3] way now runs, and from thence to the way leading from Milton to Squantum's neck (so called) in Dorchester, as the same is now Improved or used over the Lands lately belonging to M^r^. William Rawson Dec^d^. and in all places to be the wedth aforesaid and not to ly open.

Samuel White
Joseph Crossbey.
William Hunt
Richard Thayer.
John Hollbrook.

a true entry of the Reports of the Select men made to the Town March 29th. 1731.
℘ Benjamin Webb, Town Clerk.

May 17th. 1731.

Representative Pursuant to the precept to the Selectmen for the choice of a Representative, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly qualified, and having Rec'd Legal warning, assembled on the day abovesaid and after the Reading of the Precept and warrants for calling the meeting, they proceeded to chuse a Representative, and the votes being brought in and examined, It appeared that John Quincy esq^r^. was chosen Representative by all the voters present.

Moderator. on the same day the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs assembled to Transact some other affairs of the Town, the particulars being Inserted in the warrants on file, which were first to chuse a moderator, next to Grant money to defray Town Charges &c

Moderator. They then proceeded to Chuse a moderator, and Deacon Samuel White being nominated was chosen (by hand votes) Moderator.

Voted £70. for town charge Then voted that the Town should be assessed the sum of seventy Pounds, for defraying the necessary charges of the Town this present year.

Voted to B. Webb £3–10–0 for services as Town Tr^{r}. & 30^{s} for services as Town Clerk. Then voted, that Benjamin Webb should have Three Pounds & Ten shillings paid him out of the Treasury, for his service as Town Treasurer the year past then also voted, that the s^{d}. Benjamin Webb should have Thirty shillings paid as afores^{d} for his services as Town Clerk, the year past.

September 27th. 1731.

The Free-holders and other Qualified Inhabitants of this Town of Braintree, being assembled upon Legal warning to consider of an Extract from the journal of the Honourable House of Representatives, of Date August 18th. 1731, Exhibited to the Selectmen of the several Towns in this Province, in which ther is a Representation of some matter of Difficuly lying before them Respecting the supply of the Treasury &c and the advice and direction of the several Towns to their Members is desired &c.

Moderator. Mr. Joseph Crossbey being nominated was chosen Moderator for that meeting.

Then Voted, that the thanks of this meeting be Returned to the Honourable House of Representatives for their faithful service in asserting and defending the Just Liberties of this Province (as we esteem they have hither Done, and which we highly approve) and Desire that they would continue strenuously to endeavour the maintaining & defending the same.

[4] A.D. 1732. The anniversary Town Meeting, March 6th. 1731–2.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified (and having had Legal warning) assembled for the choice of all Town Officers, for the year ensuing; and transacting such other affairs as are Inserted in the Warrant for calling the said Meeting, the Particulars whereof are as follows, vizt. *First*, to Chuse a Moderator. *Secondly*, To Chuse all Town Officers &c. *Thirdly*, to consider and Determine whether they will Let the Privilege of the stones in the Town's Comon &c. *Fourthly* To see if such Persons as have had ways laid out thorow their Lands will give them to the Town, or otherwise to make their Demands therefor. *Fifthly* To chuse a Committee to Run the lines betwixt the Town's Lands, and the lands joining upon them. *Sixthly*, To consider and Determine whether they will make any allowance to Stephen Cleverly & Jonathan Baxter (Two of the Town's Tenants) for extraordinary fences, they must be forced to make on the Town's Land's. *Seventhly*, and whether they will allow, as heretofore Bulls, Boars and the killing of Black-birds. *Lastly*, To consider whether it may not be convenient to have the Town meetings for time to come sometimes in the midle Precinct &c. which particulars may be seen more at large in the warrants on file.

And being so assembled, and the meeting opened, They proceeded to the choice of a Moderator.

Moderator. And Deacon Peter Adams being nominated, was chosen Moderator for that meeting.

Town Clerk They then proceeded to the choice of a Town Clerk, and Benjamin Webb being nominated, was voted Town Clark.

The Question was then put by the Moderator whether there should be Five Selectmen Chosen, and It passed in the affirmative.

The question was also put, whether ther should be Two Selectmen chosen in the North Precinct, Two in the middle Precinct and one in the New or Southermost Precinct, and it passed in the affirmative.

Selectmen. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, and the votes being called for, brought in and examined, It appeared that Mr Joseph Crossbey, M^r^. Samuel Baxter, Mr William Hunt, Mr. Richard Thayer *secundus* and M^r^. John Niles Junr. were chosen Selectmen.

Constables. Next, they proceeded to the choice of Constables, and the votes being brought in & examined, It appeared that Samuel Copeland David Bass, and John French were chosen Constables ; but David Bass declaring his refusal, they proceeded to the choice of another and John Mills was chosen, who also declaring his refusal, they proceeded to chuse another, and the votes being examined it appeared that Benjamin Veasey was chosen, after which the said Benjamin Veasey agreed with Moses Belcher Junr to serve in his Room, and said Moses Belcher offering himself, The Question was put by the Moderator, to the meeting, whether they would accept of Moses Belcher Junr. to serve in the stead of Benjamin Veasey, and, It passed in the affirmative

Town Treasurer. They then went upon the choice of a Town Treasurer, and Benjamin Webb being nominated, was chosen Town Treasurer by a Majority of ye voters.

The meeting then proceeded to the choice of other Town officers, and the following persons being nominated were chosen to their respective offices as follows, vizt

[5] Surveyors of Highways To that of Surveyors of Highways were chosen Peter Newcomb, Nathaniel Owen, Joshua Hayward, Zachariah Thayer, Benjamin Clark, Gideon Thayer, & David Eams, and on the fifteenth Instant John George.

Tithing-men. And to that of Tithing-men, were chosen Stephen Cleverly, Nathan Bracket, Richard Faxson, Samuel French & Samuel Niles.

Fence viewers to that of Fenceviewers, were chosen Joseph Neal *Secundus* Jonathan Baxter, William Peniman, John Curtis, Deering Spear.

Hogreves. To that of Hogreves were chosen Samuel Peniman, Thomas Cleverly, Eleazer Thayer, Edward Faxson, and John Nightingal.

Surveyors of Timber, Plank Clapboards & Shingles. To that of Surveyors of Timber, Plank, Clapboards, & Shingles were

chosen Samuel Belcher, Ebenezer Field, Ephriam Arnold and Isaac Newcomb.

Sealer of Leather. A Sealer of Leather, John Beale.

after which (the day being spent) the Moderator put the question whether the meeting should be adjourn'd to wednesday the fifteenth of this Instant, at Twelve of the Clock at noon, and It passed in the affirmative.

March, 15th. A Constable

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified To vote in Town affairs, being assembled by adjournment from the sixth Instant, Samuel Copeland who was chosen a Constable on the said sixth of March, manifested that he had agreed with Samuel Arnold to serve in his room, and the said Samuel Arnold offering himself, the Question was put by the Moderator to the meeting, whether they would accept of the said Samuel Arnold to serve as Constable in the Room of Samuel Copeland, and It passed in the affirmative.

Concerning the Stones. Next the matter of the stones was Debated, and the Question being put whether they would sell the Stones of the Town's Common or any of them to such persons as shall appear to buy 'em, It passed in the negative.

Concerning Ways, laid out. The question was then put by the Moderator to the Meeting whether a Committee should be chosen to Treat with the persons who have any demand upon the Town for ways lately laid out thorow their Lands; and make Report of their doings therein to the Town at the next, meeting. It passed in the affirmative.

Committee. After which the persons following, being nominated as a Committee for the affair abovesaid; were separately voted & Chosen there for viz. John Quincy sr, Deacon Samuel Bass, Mr Benjamin Beale Mr Richard Thayer and mr Samuel Wild

Bulls. The Question was then put by the Moderator whether they would allow for the keeping of Bulls for the Towns use, as they did the last year, allowing the same number, and with the like Restraints or limitations & It passed in the affirmative.

Boars. Then voted also, that there shall be the same allowance for the Keeping of Boars as was the last year, the number to be the same and with the same limitations.

Birds Then also voted, that there be the same allowance for the killing of Black birds, as was the year past, according to the Seasons of the year, and in manner as then.

Squirrels Then voted, that Three pence ꝑ head be allowed to such as shall kill any Ground Squirrels, they bringing their heads, to the Selectmen.

[6] T. Clerks wages & Town Treasurers Then voted, that Benjamin Webb, shall have Thirty Shillings paid him out of the Town Treasury for Serving as Town Clerk the year past and four Pounds for his service the same year as Town Treasurer.

The Moderator then adjourned the meeting unto monday the

Twenty seventh, of this Instant March, at nine of the clock in the morning.

March 27th. 1732.

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town being met by adjournment from the fifteenth Instant.

Committee to run lines in town Then voted, that the present Select men (or any three of them) be a Committee to Run the lines between the Town's land, and the land of particular persons.

Comtee to run the line between Weymouth & Braintree The Select-men having presented the Town, a notification of the Select-men of Weymouth to them to Chuse a Committee to Run the line between Weymouth and this Town, It was Voted that mr William Hunt, mr. Richard Thayer Junr. & mr John Hollbrook be a Committee to Treat with the Select-men of Weymouth, about the affair of the line, proposed to be run, and that if they find upon treating with them, that they can proceed to Run or Settle the said Line, where it remains unsettled, without further Instruction from the Town, That then they proceed by all proper methods, accordingly to Run & settle the same, always having due Regard to the ancient Records & monuments that refer to the said line any way. Provided that the said Selectmen of Weymouth or others appointed by them, appear with full Instructions from their Town to do the same.

Report, Committee The Committee for examining the Claims of persons about the Highways brought their Report thereabout in writing, as follows vizt. The Committee appointed on the fifteenth Instant to treat with those persons, who have a Demand on the Town for Highways thorow their Lands, having met for that purpose, discoursed divers persons on that Head, Particularly the Revd. Mr Niles who declared to the Committee, that he was willing that there should be one open way for the use of the Town thorow his land to Cochecho, without any thing to be paid therefor, Provided the way in entering on his land should begin either where the Selectmen formerly laid it out, or els where they laid it out the last year, to go strait to his own house, and so thorow his land as laid out. Collr. Quincy Mr Joseph Crossbey, Deacon Samuel White and mr Joseph White also declared to the Committee that they would Relinquish their demands of pay for the ways laid out thorow their lands, and accepted by the Town, which have been heretofore Improved, provided that other persons who have a Demand on the Town for ways shall do the same. March 27, 1732, In the name of the Committee; John Quincy. a true entry, attt. Benjamin Webb, Clerk.

Way altered. Committee to open ways. Whereas there hath been Two ways laid out between Cramberry brook and mr Niles's House in Cochecho: upon good and valuable considerations It was Voted that the way as it was laid out betwixt the said Brook and Mr Niles's House, march 17th. 173$\frac{0}{1}$ be Relinquished, and that, that way laid out May 19th. 1724, from said Brook & Mr. Niles's House, be continued, and Improved as the Town's way. Then Voted,

that Mr. Benjamin Ludden, Mr. Samuel Bass Junr and Mr Ephraim Thayer, or any Two of them, be a Committee to remove any obstructions that may be upon the said ways, and open them if need be, after the Selectmen shall have once more treated with such of the owners of the land thorow which they run, as shall oppose their being Improved. The remaining Particulars inserted in the warrant were left to be considered at the next Town meeting.

May 15th. 1732.

Representative Pursuant to the Precept for the Choice of a Representative, the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified and having had Legal warning assembled on the day above said, and the meeting being opened, they proceeded to the Choice of a Representative, and their votes being brought in and Collected, it appeared that John Quincy Esqr; was chosen Representative, having all the votes.

[7] See the meeting March 6, 1731/2 Moderator. On the same day the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs, assembled to transact some other affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof are inserted in the warrants for calling the meeting, which are on file, vizt; *First* To chuse a Moderator. *Secondly* To Raise money to defray the Charges of the Town this year. *Thirdly* To pass some act or acts for the Restraint of Rams. *Fourthly*, To chuse a Committee in the Town's behalf to obtain the removal of a certain Fence set up across a Town-way leading into the Comon betwixt the lands of Seth Bass and Joseph Beal *secundus*. *Lastly* to consider further of the matter relating to the Extraordinary Fence made by Stephen Cleverly and Jonathan Baxter on the Town's land in their Improvement &c. as may be more fully seen in the warrants, and being so assembled they proceeded, To the choice of a moderator, and Ensign Samuel Baxter being nominated, was chosen moderator for that day.

Town Tax £100 Then voted, that one Hundred Pounds should be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town for the defreying the necessary charges of the Town this present year.

Rams Restrained Then voted, that all and every Ram or Rams belonging to this Town that shall be found going at large, betwixt the first day of August & the first Day of November next ensuing, shall be forfeited to the person or persons that shall take them up so running at larg.

The Question was then put by the moderator, whether a Committee should be chosen to proceed according to Law for the procuring the opening of the way stopped up, mentioned in the Warrants &c It passed in the affirmative.

Committee to open the way stopd by Mr Beale They then proceeded to the choice of a Committee for opening the said way and David Bass, Moses Belcher, & John Adams being nominated, were separately voted a Committee for the affair above said.

Then voted that the said Committee be fully Impowered to act in the Town's behalf, in the affair abovesaid.

Cleverly & Baxter to be allowed The Question was then put by the moderator, whether the Town should allow something to Stephen Cleverly and Jonathan Baxter, for the extraordinary Fence by them made on the Town land, and It passed in the affirmative.

Then voted that any three of the Selectmen be a Committee to view the said Fence, and make Report to the Town at their next meeting, of what they think proper to be allowed.

August 25th. 1732.

Moderator. The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified, (and having had Legal warning) assembled to transact sundry affairs, of the Town ; the particulars whereof, as they are expressed In the warrants for calling said meeting, being, *First* To chuse a moderator. *Secondly* To Receive the Reports of such Committees as have been employed in the Publick affairs of the Town. *Thirdly* To consider what may yet be done to prevent the stones being Carryed off the common, and being so assembled, they proceeded to the choice of a moderator, and Deacon Peter Adams being first nominated, was voted moderator, for that meeting.

Next. The Committee (vizt Mr William Hunt, Mr. Richard Thayer and Mr John Hollbrook) who were chosen at a meeting March 27th last past, To Run the line (with a Committee from Weymouth) betwixt the Town of Weymouth and this Town, exhibited their Report thereabout, drawn up by Mr Jacob Beal of Hingham Surveyour, whose assistance they had in Running the said line, and rendering the Bound marks thereof; as follows, vizt.

[8] Committees Report. An Account of the Bound-marks in running and renewing the line betwixt the Townships of Braintree and Weymouth from a small rock about the midle of smelt Brook (so called) Just below the Road, about highwater mark of an ordinary Tide, about South and by West and one half point Westerly by the needle, To a Spruce ali's Hemlock Tree in low ground, westward of Bever-Brook, standing near to, or in the Patent Line, marked with three or foure chops on the sides of it, and stones laid about it, and marked with W. eastward and B westward, & Dated 1732.

Note That all the Trees and stakes hereafter mentioned, are Generally marked, Ranging, with an ax, and Lettered W. eastrd. & B Westward with a marking Iron mostly. *Note* that the letter (O) is here prefixed to old marks, or others, made by such as are decayed, viz from said Rock in Smelt Brook to (O) a great white oak in Thomas Kingman's Land (O) or wild Cherry Tree, by an old mark'd white oak stump, near the line between Ebenezer and Thomas Hunts Land (O) stonewall fence on high land, Thos. Kingman's Land being eastrd. & Thomas Hunts westward (O) a great Walnut Tree, said Kingman's land eastrd. and Thomas White's land Westrd. a heap of stones on a high Rock in Ebenezer Bolter's land.

in John Kings land in Thos. Whites land viz. King West, Thomas White East. A walnut Tree near the South corner of John King's field (O) a small walnut by an old mark'd pine stump; a small elm (O) a great white oak (O) a Hollow black oak stump with a stake in it, a black oak (O) a stooping white oak (O) a Small walnut by the stump of an old mark'd oak (O) a Hollow long black oak stump, a Black oak "a heap of stones on a rock" a Black oak "a heap of stones on a Rock (O)" a white oak northrd of a swamp.

Thomas White Eastrd Hunt & Holbrook &c Westrd "a Black birch southrd of a swamp" a Spruce" a Black oak, a Black oak; a Rock with stones on it northrd of a pond, a black oack southrd of said Pond; (O) a Black oak; a small black oak; a Black oak-bush on a Hill (O) black oak; (O) & 20 feet Southrd a white oak in the Range, (O) dead Pitch Pine &c (O) 20 feet southrd. a Black oak in the range on high land: a Pitch Pine Bush; and a heap of stones on a Rock near it; (O) a Crooked black oak at the North side of the Northrd. Cedar Swamp.—

☞ there are stones laid about the Bound mark Trees on upland, generally from Smelt brook hither.

In the first Cedar Swamp or Northrd. a small Pine (O) a great broken top'd Pine: a small Cedar, a Spruce, (O) a Spruce, a small Cedar.

on next upland; in the second or burnt Cedar Swamp. a small Beach: (O) a great Spruce Ali's Hemlock; a great Spruce, a small Cedar; and foure Small Cedars successively; (perhaps hereabout is the Iron work Line) a Small Maple: a Small Cedar: a small Spruce.

on next upland a great Spruce: (O) a Stooping birch Eastrd. of a little Pond; a Crooked Beach on a Small neck between Two Ponds, (O) a great Birch (O) a great Spruce (O) a Beach Dated 1732.

In the Third Cedar Swamp, (O) a Small Spruce (O) a Tall Pine: (O) a Stooping Maple: (O) a small birch; (O) a large maple; on next upland (O) a Small black ash; a Spruce (O) a great Beach (O) a Spruce (O) a great dead Birch; a small Spruce on a Rock (O) a great Beach (O) a Spruce and stones at it by a Cartway, Northrd. of a Cedar Swamp.

in ye 4th or^{d} Southrd Cedar-Swamp & Islands in it, (O) a Spruce near the South point of a neck of upland; a maple Sprout; (O) a blown down Cedar (O) a Beach on an Island, old Lettered W. Eastward, B, Westrd (O) a Birch on the south part of said Island; (O) a Stake and Stones, by a blown down old mark'd Spruce at the East Point of the next Island; a Stake (O) a long Spruce stump, close to the South Side of paper bridge Sled-way; (O) a Dead Cedar: (O) a stake by a fallen down old marked Tree.

on the next upland to the Patent line, Two maple Sidemarks, the line runs between them (O) a white ash in Swampy land; (O) a Spruce on higher lands, and stones at it; (O) a maple and stones at it; (O) the Spruce Ali's Hemlock, abovesaid, standing at the Patten Line.

performed by Messrs. Thomas White, Phillip Torrey, & James Beal of Weymouth, & William Hunt, Richard Thayer & John Hollbrook of Braintree, & Jacob Beal

June 13th. 1732.

A true Coppy Att^{t} Benjamin Webb Cler.
or entry
only the names of Weymouth & Braintree in ye beginning accidentally transposed.

[9] after the aforesaid Report was Publickly Read to the Town; the moderator put The Question whether they would accept of the said Report, and It passed in the affirmative.

Next, The Selectmen (who were appointed a Committee to Run & Settle the line betwixt the Town's Common and the lands of particular Persons) acquainted the Town that they had desired Thomas French to Join with them in Running the line betwixt his land, that was formerly Thomas Scant's and the Common, and also betwixt some other lands of the said French and the Common aforesaid; but the said Thomas French utterly refused to Run the said lines, unless they would Suffer him to take in with his lands about Two acres of the Town's Common, aforesaid and Further, they aquainted the Town that the said French Challenged the lands which he desired to take in as aforesaid and had made a Fence which enclosed apart thereof with his own.

The moderator then put the Question to the meeting whether they would Settle the line with the Said French according to his Demands, and, It passed in the negative.

Then Voted, that the Selectmen or the major part of them be a Committee and fully Impowered to prosecute the said Thomas French in the Law in action of Tresspass, for encroaching on the Town's Common.

The affair of the Stones was next debated, and after a considerable debate thereon It was Voted, That all and every person or persons that shall carry any stones from off the Town's Comon to the Market, shall pay to the Town Twelve pence for each Cart load so carryed off.

Then Voted, that a Committee should be chosen to take care of the affair aforesaid, and Receive the money of all such persons as shall carry off stones for sale as aforesaid, and that the said Committee shall be accountable to the Town therefor, and render their accompts to the Town at the end of every half year, vizt. at the first Town meeting after the said half year's shall be out, and that the said Committee be empowered to prosecute all such persons in the Law, as shall carry off any stones without paying therefor, as abovesaid, after which votes, Messrs. Ebenezer Newcomb, Thomas Copeland & John Ruggles were separately nominated, & voted a Committee to act in the Town's behalf in the affair aforesaid, and that any Two of them be a quorum to prosecute such as shall carry off the stones as abovesaid, and further that no person shall carry off any stones from the Common to any Landing place, without first acquainting the said Committee or Some of them.

Then Voted, that the Said Committee shall be paid for their service herein out of the money they shall receive for stones as aforesaid, at the Rate of Three shillings, out of every Twenty Shillings they shall so receive.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town-officers, for the year 1733, on March 5th. 1732/3.

March 5th.

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town, duly Qualified and Regularly assembled, for the choice of all Town officers for the year ensuing, and Transacting such other affairs of the Town as should be laid before them, The Particulars whereof are Inserted in the warrants as followeth, vizt. *First*, To chuse a Moderator. *Secondly*, To chuse all Town officers which by Law are required To be annually Chosen. *Thirdly* To consider, Determine whether [10] They will allow as heretofore for Bulls and Boars, to be kept for the Town use. *Fourthly* To hear a Request of Ebenezer Newcomb, for a piece of the Common To Set a Wind Mill on; and also a request of Joseph Pray for a small piece of said Common to Set a Dwelling-house on. *Fifthly* To Grant money (if found needful) to defrey extraordinary Charges, accrewing on the Town, and *Lastly*, To receive the Report of the Selectmen concerning Town ways, by them laid out &c, as may be seen more at large in the warrants (for calling the meeting) on file.

Moderator They Proceeded (after the opening of the meeting) To the choice of a Moderator, and the votes being brought in & examined, It appeared that John Quincy Esq; was chosen moderator by a Major part of the votes.

Town Clark. Then the Meeting Proceeded to the choice of a Clark by written votes & upon Collecting the same It appeared that Benjamin Webb was chosen, by a Major part of the votes, who was immediately sworn to a faithful discharge of his office.

Constables, Elkanah Wales, Samuel Belcher, Samuel Bass. Joseph Neal & Samuel Adams refused They then proceeded to the choice of Constables by written votes, upon Collecting of which it appeared that Joseph Neal *secundus*, Elkanah Wales, and Samuel Bass Junr (of the Southernmost Precinct) were chosen Constables. But Joseph Neal declaring his Refusal to serve, the meeting proceeded to chuse another, and their votes being Collected it appeared that Samuel Adams was chosen, and the said Samuel Adams also declaring his Refusal they proceeded to bring in their votes for another, which being examined it appeared that Samuel Belcher was chosen.

Selectmen *Nextly*, They proceeded to the Choice of Selectmen and their votes being brought in & examined it appeared That Joseph Crossbey Samuel Baxter, William Hunt, Richard Thayer, and Samuel Hayden were chosen Select men by a majority of votes.

Treasurer. The meeting then Proceeded to the choice of a Town Treasurer, and Benjamin Webb, being nominated, was chosen by a Major part of the voters

They then proceeded to the choice of other Town officers, and

the following persons being first nominated, were chosen to their respective offices as follows vizt

Surveyors of Highways To the office of Surveyors of Highways were chosen Jonathan Baxter, Josiah Adams, Moses Belcher Senr. William Noys, William Bowditch, Ebenezer Thayer, Nathanael Littlefield & Ebenezer Copeland.

Tithing-men To that of Tithing-Men were chosen Christopher Webb, John Hunt, John Thayer *Tertius*, John Webb, & Benjamin Hayward.

Fence-viewers. To that of Fence-viewers were chosen, William Copeland, Ephraim Thayer Junr. Samuel Curtis, Samuel Cleverly, & Simon Crossbey.

Hogreeves. To that of Hogreeves were chosen, Samuel Hayward Junr. Caleb Dunam, Nehemiah Hayden Junr. Thomas Holliss, & Benjamin Spear.

Surveyors of Timber Plank, Clapboards & Shingles To that of Surveyours of Timber, Plank, Clapboards & Shingles, were chosen, Samuel Belcher, Isaac Newcomb, Ephraim Arnold, & Benjamin Baxter.

Sealer of Leather To that of Sealer of Leather, John Beale.

Bulls. Then voted, That whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter wth the Town Clerk a Good Sufficient Bull of Two years old at least, before the first Day of May next to be kept for the Town's use, until the 29th day of September next following in a Pasture or enclosure, shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Thirty Shillings, and also that whosoever of the said Inhabitants shall enter as aforesaid a good sufficient Bull of age as abovesaid, to be kept for the Town's use, as abovesaid, to Run at large, shall be paid out of the Treasury, Twenty shillings, Provided there be not above twelve entered, Six whereof to be in the North Precinct, Four of the Twelve to Run at large, Two of which four to be in the said North Precinct.

[11] Boars. Then Voted, That whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall enter as aforesaid, a good sufficient Boar, of six months old at least, before the, First day of May, to be kept for the Towns use the year ensuing, and to Run at large, shall be paid out of the Town Treasury fifteen Shillings, Provided, there be not above Six so entered, Three whereof to be in the North Precinct

Town Rate £60. Then Voted, That Sixty Pounds be forthwith assessed on the Inhabitants for the Defreying extraordinary Charges accrewing therein.

£6 — allowed to B. Webb for services &c Then Voted, that Benjamin Webb, be allowed & paid out of the Treasury Six Pounds for his services the year past as Town Treasurer and Town Clerk.

Enss. Samuel Baxter, M^{r}. John Niles and M^{r}. Joseph Crossbey, Three of the Selectmen made the following Reports of Several Town-ways by them laid out as follows, vizt;

March 27th 1732.

Townways. We the subscribers at the Request of Sundry of the Inhabitants of this Town, did lay out a Town way Two Rods wide begining at a large White oak-Tree, standing in the line between Ensign John Hunt's and Ebenezer & Ezechill Crane's land, the way to ly on the South west side of said Tree straight to a great Rock, on which we laid a heap of stones, the way on South Side of said Rock, from thence to a gray-oak tree the way to ly on the North side said Tree, Thence straight to a Rock on which we laid some and so along the side of the fence, as it now stands, the way to ly on the North side of the Fence, and so to a stake and heap of stones in the line between the Cranes and David Niles, the way to go on the East side said stake and stones: Then straight to a Rock, the way to ly on the West side of the Rock.

And then we laid out another way begining at Stoughton Line, at a great Rock, Near the Corner of Silvesters Land, the way to go on the South side the Rock, and so to a heap of Stones, thence to a Small Rock, on which we laid some stones, the way to go on the south side, from thence to a stump on which we laid some stones. Thence to another stump, the way to ly on the North side said stump, and so on straight to the line between Silvester and John Smith, from thence as the Fence now stands, 'till wee come to a Black-oak stump with some stones on it, and thence straight across a corner of —— Smith's Field to a Rock with a heap of stones on it; the way to ly on the North side the Rock, thence straight to another Rock, by the side of the way first above described which this last way lets into; and then they both become one and from thence as the way is now Improved, 'till we come to a stake and heap of stones in the line between Bendal's Farm & John Smith's land; from thence the Right hand Road, as it is now Improved, 'till we come to a sapling Black oak, thence straight to a White oak stump: thence to the Southerly corner of Dogget's Garden, the way to ly as it is now Improved; Thence to a White oak Tree which we marked, the way to ly on the Southerly side said Tree; Thence to another large White oak, the way to ly on the Southerly side the Tree; Thence to the Southerly corner of——Dogget's Field, and so along side of the Fence as it now stands, 'till we come to the Line between Benjamin Hayward and said —— Dogget, thence to a Rock with some stones on it, the way to go on the Southerly side of it, thence to a sapling white oak, the way to ly on the Southerly side the Sapling, thence along by Hayward's as the way is now Improved 'til we come to the Road that leads to Bear Sw

Subscribers Subscribed by Samuel Baxter, John Niles, Joseph Crossbey, Select-men

Accepted The abovesaid Report being Read, It was voted to be allowed & accepted as a Town way, Provided all the Persons Interested in the land do give it for that end only with the following amendment, at the desire of Isaac [12] Dogget abovenamed vizt. That from the way against M^r. Doggets House the way aforesaid shall go over a Shoal-place in the corner of a Pond in his land, and

along the North side of the Pond to Mr Haywards Barr's and thence directly to said Haywards Door.

a true entry of the Report & vote Attr. Benjamin Webb, Town Cler.

Then also the following Report was made, by the Subscribers, vizt —

Laid out to Cochato meeting house. We the Subscribers being Requested by a number of the Inhabitants in the Southermost Precinct in Braintree (on the East side of Cochato River To lay out a Town way for their more convenient going to meeting accordingly went, and layed out one as followeth, begining, first at the way already laid out by David Eames house, thence upon the line between the land of said Eams & Ephraim Thayer to the River, thence across a corner of the land of Samuel Vinton to the North side of a great Rock, thence on the line between Said Vinton and Cornelius Austin, thence on the line between the land of Samuel Hayden & the aforesaid Saml. Vinton, to the Country Road that leads to the meeting house in said Precinct, all the above said way that is on any line, to be taken half out of the land of each Proprietor, excepting in some certain places that requires a variation by reason of great Rocks in the line, all the above said way to be one Rod & half wide, and to ly open.

Braintree, March 1st. 1732/3 the Report above said being Read It was allowed & approved, by a Major vote, &c

Samuel Baxter
Richard Thayer
William Hunt

A true Entry attr. Benjamin Webb, Cler. Select men.

There were also Two other Reports offered relating to ways, which by reason [14] of some disagreement among the men of the neighbourhood, were refered to be compleated against the next Town-meeting.

The Report also of the Selectmen about the extraordinary Fence made by Stephen Cleverly and Jonathan Baxter were left to the next meeting

May 21st 1733. Representive.

Pursuant to the Precept for the choice of a Representative, The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified (and having had Legal warning) assembled, and the meeting being opened, they proceeded to the Choice of a Representative, and their votes being brought in and examined it appeared that Collonel John Quincey was Chosen Representative, having all the votes.

On the same day the Free-holders and others Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified to vote in Town affairs, assembled to transact some other affairs of the Town, the Particulars whereof are inserted in the warrants for calling the meeting, which are on file, as follows, vizt. *First* To chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, To chuse a Committee (if it be thought expedient) to Treat with the neighbouring Tonws about the Necessity and Expediency of a New County within the now County of Suffolk, and proper methods to obtain it. *Thirdly*

To Grant to the new and Southermost Precinct of the Town (if it be thought fit) the liberty to draw out of the Treasury, their part of the Towns's Rents & Interest, in proportion to what they are Rated, to be by them Improved towards maintaining a school in that Precinct. *Fourthly* to consider of some proper means to be used for the passage of the Fish, thorow and above the Iron works Damm belonging to Mr Thomas Vinton. *Lastly* to do what shall be thought proper for the Restraint of Rams, and likewise to cure, and for the future prevent the Scab in Sheep &c — and being so assembled they proceed to chuse a moderator, and Coll[l] John Quincy being nominated was voted moderator for that meeting.

Com[tee]: Then Voted, that a Committee be chosen to treat with the neigbouring Town's (Roxbury & Brookline excepted) about the affairs of obtaining a New [13] County within the now County of Suffolk, to be a distinct and separate County, and to lay their proceedings therein before the Town at their next meeting. Then Voted, that Mr Joseph Crossbey, Mr. William Hunt, & Mr John Hollbrook be a Committee to treat with the neighbouring Towns about the affair abovesaid.

Liberty to the new Precinct to draw money &c *Then Voted*, That the new-South-Precinct shall have liberty to Draw out of the Town Treasury, so much of the Rents of the Town-land, and the Interest money, their part or proportion thereof, according to what they are rated in the Town Rate, to be Improved towards maintaining a school in that Precinct, and that use only, to be paid as it shall become due.

Com[tee]: about y[e] fish *Voted*, that a Committee be chosen to Treat with Mr Thomas Vinton and the other persons who are interested in the Dam and Stream at the Iron works about the affair of obtaining a passage for the Fish, thorow the said Dam. *Then Voted*, that Mr Elkanah Wales, Mr John Thayer Jun[r]. and Mr John Curtis be a Committee for the affair aforesaid.

Then the following order or By Law being drawn up and Read to the Town, It was *Voted* that the same should be established and stand as an order or By Law for the Town; and that Benjamin Webb the present Town Clerk should present the same to the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace at the next General Sessions of the Peace for their approbation.

At a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, duly Qualified to vote in Town affairs, on May 21st. 1733, having had Legal warning they agreed upon & made the following order or By Law viz[t]. Whereas the Inhabitants of this Town have found it greatly prejudicial to their flocks of Sheep, to suffer the Rams to run at large the summer season. For prevention whereof according to the power given us by Law of the Province made and passed in the fourth year of King Will[m]. and Queen Mary, Entitled an act for Regulating of Town Ships, choice of Town officers & Seting forth their power, wee do agree upon the following order or By Law, viz[t].

By Law about Rams That no person or Persons shall suffer his or their Ram or Rams to Run at large within the Bounds of the

Town of Braintree from the first day of August, to the tenth day of November yearly, on the penalty of Twenty Shillings for every Ram that shall be found so running at large (besides the Cost of Prosecution) to be paid for the use of the poor of the Town, and for the rendering this order more effectual, It is agreed and ordered that every person who shall take up any and secure any Ram or Rams running at large within the Town of Braintree, and prosecute the owner or owners to effect, shall be paid the sum of Ten Shillings out of the Town Treasury for every Ram so secured.

And whereas it may so happen that the owners of some Rams found going at large, within the time in this order limited, for the restraining Rams going at large may not be known, In such case, the party taking up & securing them, shall cause them to be posted up in three publick places within the Town (one in each precinct) Signifying the marks natural, as also the artificial marks (if any such they have) of such Ram or Rams, and if no owner appears within four days after such publick notice given, every such Ram shall be forfeited, the one half of the full value thereof, to be to the use of the Poor of the Town, and the other half to the Person or Persons that shall take up and secure the same.

[14] May 21st. 1733 Turn back & see Page 12.

Voted, That Stephen Cleverly & Jonathan Baxter be allowed the sum of thirteen Pounds for the Post and Rail fence they have set up on the Town land in their Improvement against the swamp belonging to John Haynes, one half thereof in the Rent of the year past, and the other half out of the year next ensuing, they leaving all the said fence to the Town where it stands, at the end of their lease.

Then also the following Report was made by the Subscribers, vizt.

We the subscribers being requested by a number of the Inhabitants in the Southermost Precinct in Braintree to lay out a Town way for their more convenient passing to meeting; accordingly went and laid out one as followeth. *First* begining by the house of David Sloane, at the way that leads to Stoughton, Thence upon the line between the land of Coll. Edmund Quincy Esq. and Christopher Dyer, 'till we come to an old Cart path, half the said way to be on each mans land, thence thorow said Dyer's Land, and thorow Benjamin Hayward's land as the aforesaid way is now improved, thence across a small corner of Benjamin Spear's land on the west side of a great Rock, with a stone upon it, Thence thorow Joseph Spear's land, and thorow Ebenezer Niles's land, and thorow Nathan Niles's land, and thorow Jonathan Hayden's land, as the abovesaid way goes; thence thorow Samuel Pain's land, across a Small inclosure, as the way hath been improved heretofore, thence thorow Peter Newcomb's land and thorow Samuel Vinton's land, and thorow Samuel Hayden's land, and thorow Lieut. Joseph Neal's land, and thorow Joseph Crossbey's land, as the aforesaid Cartway hath been Improved, and so to the meeting-house, all the aforesaid way to be one Rod & half wide, and to ly open.

Datd. Braintree February 15th. 1732/3. Samuel Baxter.

John Niles
Richard Thayer.
Selectmen.

The abovesaid Report being read was allowed approved, and accepted by a major vote.

A true entry. ℘ Benjamin Webb Town Clerk.

August 29th 1733.

Moderator. The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree duly Qualified, (and having had Legal warning) assembled to Transact sundry affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof as they are inserted in the warrants for calling the meeting (on file) are as followeth, vizt. *First*, To chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, To Grant money to defrey Town Charges. *Thirdly*, To receive the Report of the Committee, who were chosen to treat with Mr Thomas Vinton & others in the affair of obtaining a Passage for fish Thorow the Iron works Dam. *Fourthly*, to consider what may be proper to be done with respect to the stones on the Town's Comon. *Fifthly* To choose a Committee to settle the way between the land of M^r. Benjamin Ludden and M^r. Nathaniel Thayer &c. and being so assembled & the meeting opened they proceeded and chose Capt. Peter Adams moderator.

Tax. Then voted, that one Hundred and fifty Pounds money shall be assessed on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the Town, for the defreying the necessary charges of the Town this year.

Report of Committee *Next*, The Committee chosen to treat with Mr Vinton Presented their Report in writing under their hands (on file) wherein they expressed Mr Vinton's willingness on reasonable Terms to comply with the Desire of the Town about a passage for the fish, M^r. Vinton being present [15] and consenting. Then Voted, that a Committee be chosen to act for the Town in the affair aforesaid.

Committee to agree wth Mr Vinton Then Voted, that Capt. William Hunt, Lt Joseph Crossbey, Mr Nehemiah Hayden, Mr Richard Thayer, and Mr Elkanah Wales (or any three of them be a Committee, to view the place, and to agree with Mr Vinton on such terms as they think Reasonable respecting the Town's Interest & also Mr Vinton's, and to proceed to do what is proper to be done in order to the passage of the Fish.

Forfeit for carrying off stones from ye Comon. Voted, that all and every person or persons who shall carry off any Stone or Stones from the Town's Common, to market or otherwise, without first agreeing with the Committee, hereafter to be chosen to inspect that affair, shall forfeit and pay to the said Committee Twenty Shillings, for every Cart-load so carryed off.

Committee, and their power Then also Voted, That Capt. Peter Adams, Capt. Samuel Baxter Lt Joseph Crossbey, Mr John Ruggles and Jonathan Hayward Junr be a Committee (and any three of them a Quorum) and fully Impowered to Inspect and prosecute all & every such Person or Persons in the Law before any Justice

of the Peace, or other Court or Courts of Justice, as shall Digg or carry off any stones from the Town's Common aforesaid without first agreeing with the said Committee.

Price of the stones *Then Voted*, that the said Committee have full power to agree with any person or Persons, for any quantity of stones, which they desire orderly to carry off, at (not less than) Twelve pence for each Cart-load.

Disposal of ye money p^d^. Then Voted, that all money that shall be paid by any person or Persons, either as a forfeiture, or by agreement with the said Committee shall be paid by the Committee into the Town's Treasury for the use of the Town. *See Page* 18th, *article* 6th

Committee Settle the way with Ludden & Thayer Voted, That the Selectmen with Benjamin Webb & Deacon Samuel White shall be a Committee to settle the way betwixt the land of Mr Benjamin Ludden & Mr Nathaniel Thayer.

The Anniversary Town-Meeting for the choice of Town-officers for the year 1734, on March 4th, 1733/4.

March 4, 1734, Warrant The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree duly Qualified and Regularly assembled for the choice of Town-officers &c and the Transacting other necessary affairs of the Town: the particulars whereof are inserted in the Warrants for calling the said meeting as follows vizt *First* to chuse a moderator, 2^ly^ To chuse all Town officers, required by Law to be annually Chosen 3^ly^ To consider of and Determine whether any thing shall be allowed by the Town and paid to Such as shall keep any Bulls or Boars for the Town's use; and whether they will allow anything for the killing of Black-birds or Squirrels; 4^ly^ to consider whether it may not be proper & expedient to seek to the Town of Stoughton for their consent that a certain Tract of Land Situate in the South East part of said Town be set off and added to the Township of Braintree, 5^ly^ To do something effectually to prevent encroachments on the Town's Common, and *lastly*, To chuse a Committee to settle accompts with the Selectmen, and the Town Treasurer.

Moderat^r^. They proceeded (after the opening of the meeting) to chuse a moderator, and Capt Peter Adams being nominated, was chose (by a major vote) moderator for that meeting.

[16] Town Clerk The meeting then proceed to the Choice of a Town Clerk, and the votes being brought in & Collected it appeared that Benjamin Webb was Chosen Town Clerk, who accordingly accepted.

Selectmen. The number in each Precinct They next proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that Capt William Hunt, Dec: Samuel Savel, M^r^. Richard Thayer, L^t^. Samuel Hayden & Ensign John Adams, were chosen Selectmen by a majority of votes, *this* after a previous vote that ther should be Two chosen in the North Precinct, Two in the middle, and one in the Southermost precinct.

Constables. John Hayden, John Hunt & Samuel French Mr Quincy & Eb^r^ & Jo Thayer refusing John Hayden since refused

& paid his fine. Next, they proceeded to the Choice of Constables, and the votes being brought in and Collected It appeared that Mr Josiah Quincy, John Hayden & Ebenezer Thayer were chosen Constables, but Mr Josiah Quincy refused to serve and paid his fine down, being five Pounds, Ebenezer Thayer also declared his refusal. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of Two more, and by a Major vote John Hunt & John Thayer *Tertius* were chosen; but John Thayer declaring his Refusal, *they* proceeded to vote for one Constable, and Samuel French was chosen and accepted, after which the said John Thayer paid his five Pounds &c.

Treasurer. *Next*, they proceeded to the choice of a Town Treasurer, and Benjamin Webb being nominated was chosen by a vote of the Hand.

August 10, 1734.

Ebenezer Thayer paid his five Pounds &c *They then* proceeded to the choice of other Town-officers and the following persons, being first nominated were chosen to their respective offices as follows.

Surveyors, of High-ways To the office of Surveyors of Highways were chosen Joseph Neal *Secundus*, Joseph Owen, Gregory Baxter, Jonathan Hayward Junr. Ephraim Thayer Junr. Josiah French, Joseph Wales & Ebenezer Niles.

Tithing Men To the office of Tithing men were chosen Moses Pain Junr. Seth Bass, Caleb Hobart, Seth Copeland & Ebenezer Copeland.

Fenceviewers To that of Fence-viewers were chosen Stephen Cleverly, Peter Adams Junr. John Bowditch, John Hobart, & Jonathan Clark.

Hogreves. To that of Hogreeves were chosen, Joseph Neal Junr. James Brackett John George, Nathaniel Blancher Junr. Elias Trask, John Ludden, John Allen Junr. and Nathanael French.

Surveyors of Timber Clapboards &c To that of Surveyor of Timber, Plank, Clapboards & Shingles were chosen, Ebenezer Field, Isaac Newcomb, & Samuel Belcher.

To that of Sealer of Leather John Beal.

No Bulls or Boars, allowed The Question was then put by the moderator to the meeting whether they would allow anything for the keeping of Bulls for the Town's use and it passed in the negative; and likewise whether they would allow for the keeping of Boars, & after some Debate thereon, it passed in the negative:

Birds. Then Voted, That whosoever of the Inhabitants of this Town shall kill any grown Black-birds, within the Town, before the last day of May, and bring their heads to one or more of the Selectmen in that time, shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Three pence for each bird; & likewise for each young one they shall kill and bring as aforesaid, they shall be paid a half penny for each; and from the last of May to the last of November one penny ꝑ head for all grown Black-birds brought as aforesaid.

Squirrels Voted, also that whoever of this Town shall kill any sort of squirrels at any time of year, and bring their heads to one or more of the Select men, shall be paid out of the Treasury Three pence for each head.

[17] Memorial to Sto'ton Voted Voted, That a memorial be prefer'd to the Town of Stoughton for their consent that a Certain Tract of Land, situate in the South East part of that Town, be set off and added to the Town of Braintree, and further that Deacon Thomas Wales, Mr Richard Thayer, and Ens. John Adams be a Committee with respect to the affair aforesaid.

The matter of encroachments adjourned Then Voted, that the affair of the Town's Common, respecting encroachments, be adjourned to the next Town meeting.

Mr Niles memorial adjourned to May A memorial of the Reverend Mr Samuel Niles being read, the consideration thereof (it being about a Townway) was voted to be refer'd & adjourned to the Town meeting, that shall be in May next.

Comtee to just accompts with Select. men & Treasurer Voted, That Deacon Samuel White, Mr. John Bass, & Capt. Peter Adams be a Committee to Just accompts, with the Selectmen & the Treasurer of the Town.

Voted to B. W. six Pounds Then Voted, that six Pounds be paid out of the Treasury to Benjamin Webb for his Service the last year as Town Clerk & Treasurer.

April 15th. 1734.

Moderator. The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree duly Qualified to vote in Town-affairs (being Legally warned) assembled to Transact some affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof as in the warrant (on file) are. *First*, To Chuse a Moderator. *Secondly*, To Chuse one Constable in the Room of John Hayden, who was chosen the fouth day of March last, but refused to take the Oath. *Thirdly*, To see if the Town will reconsider their vote, passed on the May 21st. 1733, wherein and whereby they allowed & approved of a Town-way, laid out by the Selectmen (the return whereof was then made) leading from the house of David Sloan to the meeting-house, and the meeting being opened, they proceeded, and Chose Capt. William Hunt moderator.

Constable. *Next*, they proceeded to the choice of a Constable, and the votes being brought in and examined, it appeared, that Samuel Vinton was chosen, Constable, but he declaring his refusal, the meeting proceeded and chose Benjamin Spear, Constable, after which Samuel Vinton gave a note for five Pounds.

The vote about the way not reconsidered The moderator, then put the Question to the meeting whether they would reconsider their vote passed in May concerning the way mentioned in the warrant, and it passed in the negative.

May 20th. 1734. Representative

Pursuant to the Precept for the Choice of a Representative The

Free-holders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town (being Legally warned) assembled, and the Meeting being opened, they proceed to chuse a Representative, and the votes being brought in & examined it appeared that John Quincy Esq: was Chosen, having all the votes.

On the day abovesaid, The Free-holders, with the other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town-affairs, met to Transact some other affairs the particulars whereof as they are Inserted in the warrant for calling the meeting, are as follows vizt *First*, To chuse a moderator. 2^{ly}. To chuse one Constable to serve in the stead of Benjamin Spear, who being chosen the fifteenth of April refused to take the Oath. *Thirdly*, to order the Raising or assessing such sum or sums of money as shall be necessary for the defreying the necessary charges of the Town this present year. *Fourthly*, To order the Re-building or repairing of the Bridg over the Iron-works Pond in the Road leading to Weymouth. *Fifthly*, To Do something further towards a convenient passage for the Fish thorow and above the Iron works Dam, belonging to M^{r}. Thomas Vinton. *Lastly* To consider and Determine whether it be not necessary and convenient that such Committees as are employed about the stones in the Town's Common should be under Oath &c.

[18] Moderator. And the meeting being opened they proceeded & Chose Capt Peter Adams moderator.

Constable Deering Spear The meeting proceeded to the choice of a Constable. Benjamin Spear appeared and declared that he had agreed with his Brother Deering Spear (& hired him) in case the Town would accept him, to Serve in his Room, and the Question being put by the moderator to the meeting, whether they would accept of Deering Spear to Serve as Constable in the Room of his Brother Benjamin Spear, It passed in the affirmative.

Town Tax £150 — Then Voted, That one Hundred & Fifty Pounds be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town for defreying the necessary Charges of the present year.

Voted, That a Committee be chosen to repair the Bridg over the Iron works Pond, Lieut. Joseph Crossbey, M^{r}. John Hollbrook, & M^{r}. Joseph White being separately nominated, were voted to be a Committee to repair the said Bridg, and then Voted that the affair of the Bridge be left to the discretion of the said Committee.

About the Fish Voted, That the Committee last chosen to act in the affair of making a Passage for the Fish to do what is convenient in that respect, in the best manner they can, and that Lieut. John Hunt & M^{r}. Thomas Hollbrook be added to them.

Com^{tee} about ye stones to render act. at six months & upon Oath if required Then Voted, That the Comittee Imployed in the affair of the stones, shall render their accompts to the Town Treasurer at the end of every six months; and upon Oath if thereto Required. *See Page* 15th

September 13th. 1734. Moderator.

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in Town-affairs (being Legally warned) assembled to Trans

act some affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof inserted in warrant for calling the meeting, are as follows, vizt. *First*, To chuse a moderator. 2^{ly}. to Receive the Report of the Committee, that were Employed by the Town to build a Bridg over the Iron work's Pond, and to consider whether it be not necessary to raise money in addition to what hath been already Granted to Defrey the extraordinary charge thereof, *and further*, to bring in valuations to the Selectmen &c. and the meeting being opened, they proceeded and chose Capt. Samuel Baxter moderator.

Committee acct. The Committee then brought in their accompts about the charge of the Bridge, in all amounting to Seventy three Pounds & Twelve Shillings, which accompt is put on file.

Accepted. The moderator then put the Question to the meeting whether they would accept and allow the said accompt, & It passed in the affirmative

£40 — voted. Then Voted, That Forty Pounds shall be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town (in addition to what money hath been Granted) to Defrey the extraordinary Charge of the Bridg aforesaid.

January 20th. 1734. Moderator Register voted for

Pursuant to a Warrant directed to the Selectmen from Two, of the Justices of the Quorum for the choice of a Register, the late Register being removed by death, the free-holders of the Town assembled (having had Legal warning) and proceeded & Chose Capt Samuel Baxter moderator, after which they brought in their votes for a Register, which were sealed up by John Hunt Constable in order to be returned to the Quarter Sessions &c.

[19] The Anniversary Town-meeting, for the choice of Town-officers, For the year 1735, on March 3^{d}. 1734/5.

March 3^{d}. 1735 Warrant

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, duly Qualified and having had Legal warning, assembled for the choice of Town officers, and the Transacting Sundry other affairs of the Town the particulars whereof inserted in the Warrant, for calling Said meeting being as followeth, vizt. *First*, To chuse a moderator. 2^{ly} To chuse all such Town-officers as are required by Law to be annually chosen 3^{ly}. To consider & Determine whether it be not proper & expedient to Petition the General Court to Grant to this Town something of a consideration, or in Lieu of the four Thousand acres of Land taken from us, and added to the Town of Milton; and likewise Grant us something Gratis for our having kept a Free Latin School for about ninety years, 4th. To consider whether they will join with the Town of Dorchester and others, in Petitioning to be made a Separate County. 5th. To consider whether it be not necessary to raise a Small sum of money to defrey the Charge of Prosecuting in the Law such as carry off the stones & wood from the Town's Comon. 6th. Whether the Town will mend the Highways & Townways by a Rate. 7th. Whether they will allow the Southernmost Precinct

their proportion of the money paid towards the maintaining schools, to maintain one amoung themselves. 8th. To Determin whether the way laid out from the Southernmost Meeting-house, to the House in which David Sloan lately Dwel'd, shall be confirmed as a Town-way. 9th. To consider whether they will build a new Pound, and where to set it. *Lastly*, To consider whether they will allow anything for Bulls, Boars, and for killing Black-birds & Squirrels. See the warrants on file.

Moderator. And being so assembled, the meeting proceeded and Chose Lieut. Joseph Crossbey moderator.

Town Clerk. *Next*, they proceed to chuse a Town-Clerk, and Benjamin Webb, being nominated was chosen by a major vote.

Selectmen. *Next*, they proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, and the votes being brought in and examined it appeared that Lieut. Joseph Crossbey, Deacon Thomas Wales, Mr. Richard Thayer, Capt William Hunt, and Deacon Samuel White were chosen.

Constables Benjn Hayden refused Then the meeting proceeded to the choice of Constables and the votes being brought in & Collected, It appeared that Benjamin Hayden, Ebenezer Crane, and Jonathan Clark were Chosen, but Jonathan Clark declaring his refusal, and after agreeing with Deering Spear to serve for him, and the said Spear offering himself to the Town's acceptance, a vote was asked and it passed in the affirmative.

Treasurer. They then proceeded to the choice of Town Treasurer, and Benjamin Webb being nominated, was chosen by a major vote

Surveyors of Highways Then the meeting proceeded to the Choice of other Town-officers, and the following persons being nominated, were chosen to their Respective offices as follows, vizt. To the office of Surveyors of Highways were chosen, Joseph White, William Allen, Benjamin Hunt, Joseph White Junr., Samuel Pain, William Copeland, Nathanael Belcher, Lt. Thomas Crossbey, Thomas Baxter, and David Rawson.

Tithing-men To the office of Tithing-men were chosen Joseph Thayer, Thomas French Junr. Ezekiel Crane, Samuel Curtis & Benjamin Baxter.

Fence Viewers To that of Fence-viewers were chosen John George, Joseph Neal *Secundus*, Abijah Allen, John Webb, Ebenezer Niles & Peter Thayer —

Hogreves. To that of Hogreves, were chosen, Samuel White Jr. Eliashib Faxon, Ebenezer Hinckley, Abijah Neal, Benjamin Hayward Junr. Naphthali Thayer, and Benjamin Ruggles.

Surveyors of Timber Clapboards &c To that of Surveyors of Timber, Clapboards and Shingles were chosen Ebenezer Field, Isaac Newcomb and Samuel Belcher.

Sealer of Leather & Surveyor of Hemp. To that of Sealer of Leather was chosen Stephen Cleverly.

To that of Surveyor of Hemp & flax were chosen Ensign John Adams. Then the moderator by consent of the meeting adjourned to Tuesday the eleventh of this Instant March at nine in the morning.

March 11th. 1734/5

Constable Benjamin Hayden paid Zechariah Thayer chosen & refused and paid. The Free-holder & other Inhabitants met by adjournment & Benjamin Hayden appeared and declared his refusal to serve as a Constable, and gave to the Treasurer an obligation for the payment of five Pounds, ye Penalty &c The meeting then proceeded to bring in their votes for another Constable which being brought in & Collected, it appeared that Zachariah Thayer was chosen, but he declaring his refusal & giving an obligation for five Pounds, [20] they went upon the choice of another, and the votes being brought in and Collected it appeared that Thomas Hollbrook was chosen

County Treasr. voted for The meeting then went upon the choice of a County Treasurer, and the votes being brought in were sealed up in order to be sent to the Sessions &c.

Petition to be prefer'd to the General Court for land &c. Committee Then voted, that a Petition be prefer'd to the General Court to Grant to the Town something as a consideration & in lieu of the four thousand acres of land taken from us, & added to the Town of Milton, and likewise to Grant us something *Gratis* for our having kept a Free Latin-school for about ninety years. Then voted that some suitable Persons be chosen to mannage that affair in the behalf of the Town. Then also voted that Edmund Quincy Esq. & John Quincy Esq. and Benjamin Webb, be agents for the Town to Prosecute the Petition aforesaid, to effect.

Selectmen a Committee to join with Dorchester &c Voted, That the Selectmen or the major part of them shall be a Committee in ye behalf of the Town to join with Dorchester, and such other Towns in the County as desire a County separate from Boston, To Petition the General Court for the obtainment thereof.

No money to prosecute such as carry off stones & wood A vote was then asked whether there should be a sum of money raised to defrey the charges of Prosecuting in the Law such as carry off the Stones & wood from the Town's Comon, and It passed in the negative

The Highways not to be mended by rate The moderator then desired of the meeting to shew their minds about mending the Highways by a Rate, and voting, the vote was thought by some not to be clear, after wh it was decided by the Poll in the negative

The Southermost Precinct to draw money for Schools &c Then voted, that the Southermost Precinct shall have liberty to draw out of the Treasury the money that was voted to them May 21, 1733, to be Improved for the use of the School in that Precinct

Way not accepted. A vote was then asked whether the way laid out from the South meeting-house House to ye house where David Sloan lately Dwelt, that was accepted at the meeting on May 21, 1733, shall be confirmed as a Town way. It passed in the negative.

Bulls, Boars, Birds & Squirrels Then Voted that such Persons as shall keep good sufficient Bulls, or Boars for the Town's use shall be paid according to the last allowance for the like number,

& in like maner, and likewise that such as shall kill any black birds or squirrels shall be allowed as heretofore.

The matter of the Pound left to be determined at the next Town meeting.

Treasurer & Clerks allowance Then voted that Benjamin Webb shall be allowed & paid out of the Town's Treasury Eight Pounds for his services as Town Clerk & Treasurer the year past.

May 19th. 1735. Representative

Pursuant to the Precept for the choice of a Representative, The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified and having been Legally warned) assembled, and the meeting being opened, they proceeded to the choice of a Representative, and the votes being brought in and Collected it appeared that John Quincy Esq ; was chosen, by a majority of the voters present.

Moderator On the day abovesaid, the Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs, assembled to Transact some other affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof as they are inserted in the warrant for calling the meeting are as followeth, vizt. First, To chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, to order the Raising or assessing money to defrey Town Charges. *Thirdly*, To consider and determine whether it be necessary to build a New Pound or Pounds & where to set 'em. *Fourthly* To see if the Town will do anything for the obtaining a passage for the Fish, at the Iron works Dam. *Fifthly* — Whether they will allow the Southermost Precinct there Proportion of the money paid for Schools, for maintaining one in that Pricinct. *Sixthly*, whether they will allow Lt Joseph Crossbey and Mr. Moses Belcher, anything for fence against Mr Read's meadow, adjoining to that part of the Town Land in their Improvement. *Lastly*, To hear a Request of Mr. Benjamin Neal relating to away leading into the Town's Common, as may be seen more at large in the warrant on file, and the meeting being opened they proceeded and Chose John Quincy Esq. moderator.

Town tax £190 — Then voted, that one Hundred & ninety Pound shall be assessed on the Town for the defreying the necessary charges thereof this present year.

[21] Old Pound to be repaired A, New Pound in the Middle Precinct Then voted, that the old Pound shall be repaired in the place where it is, at the charge of the Town, and that the Selectmen shall have the ordering of it. also that there be a new Pound erected in the middle Precinct, of Thirty feet Square in some convenient place, of good Posts and Rails, (if the land may be procured without Charge to the Town.) The Selectmen to have the ordering of it, and to be built at the Town's Cost.

Vote about Fish Committee Whereas of late there hath been endeavours for the settling a controversie betwixt Mr Thomas Vinton and the Town Respecting the obstruction of the Fish, at the Iron works-Dam on monaticut River, and nothing as yet effected, and there being frequent Complaints by the Inhabitants of the Town respecting that affair, Voted, That there be a Committee

chosen to take ye premises into their consideration, and to take the most effectual method to ssue that controversie in the Law (if need be) taking advice therein, as they may have occasion. Then voted, that M^r. Benjamin Ludden, L^t. John Hunt & M^r. John Hollbrook (or a major part of them) be a Committee to manage the affair aforesaid

South Precinct to draw money for schools Voted, That the South Precinct shall draw out of the Treasury their proportion of the money paid for the Schools, to maintain one in that Precinct.

Mr. Crossbey & Mr. Belcher allowed Voted, That L^t. Joseph Crossbey & Moses Belcher shall be allowed for their Fence (on the Town land in their Improvement) against M^r. Read's meadow, when they shall lay the charge before the Town

Mr. Benjamin Neal not appearing, and his request not being sent in writing that matter drop'd.

A Constable accepted in M^r. Hollbrook's stead Mr. Thomas Hollbrook who was chosen a Constable at the meeting by adjournment March 11th. having agreed with M^r. Samuel Arnold to serve for him & presenting him to the Town for acceptance, Voted, that Samuel Arnold be accepted to serve this year as Constable, in the room of Thomas Hollbrook.

September 3^d. 1735.

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly Qualified (and having had Legal warning) assembled to Transact the following affairs, as they are Inserted in the warrants for calling the meeting vizt. 1st. To chuse a moderator. 2^ly. To order the raising or assessing money in addition to what has been already Granted (if it be thought needful) for defreying the necessary charges of the Town this present year. 3^d. To declare their minds respecting a New County &c, more fully expressed in the warrant on file.

Moderator. And being so assembled they proceeded & chose Capt Samuel Baxter Moderator.

£40 — Voted to be added &c Then voted, That Forty Pounds shall be assessed on the Inhabitants of the Town in addition to what has been heretofore Granted, For defreying the necessary Charges, of the Town this present year.

The affair of a New County considered The affair of a New County was next considered, and the Question being put (to the meeting) by the moderator, whether they continue their desire of a County Separate from Boston (as heretofore they had manifested) and that their desire be Sigified to the General Court at their next session by our Representative

It passed in the affirmative

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town-officers for the year 1736, on March 1st. 1735/6.

1736. March 1st 1735/6.

Moderator. The Free-holders & Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree having had Legal warning, assembled for the

choice of Town-officers and Transacting other affairs of [22] the Town, the particulars whereof are inserted in the warrants for calling the said meeting as followeth. *First* To chuse a moderator 2ly. To chuse all Town-officers required by Law to be annually chosen. 3ly To consider and determine, whether the Highways and Town-ways within the said Town of Braintree (or either of them) shall be mended or repaired by a Rate. 4ly Whether the Town-Meetings shall be for the future in the old-meeting-house; or that disposed of, and a House built for that use by the Town, in some convenient place *Lastly*, Whether they will allow anything to such as shall keep Bulls & Boars for the Town's use. And being so assembled they proceeded to chuse a moderator, and Lt. Joseph Crossbey being nominated was chosen by a major vote.

Town Clerk. Next they proceeded to the choice of a Town Clerk and Benjamin Webb being nominated was chosen by a major vote.

Selectmen. They then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, and the votes being brought in & Collected, it appeared that Lt Joseph Crossbey Mr Richard Thayer, Deacon Samuel White, Deacon Thomas Wales, & Mr John Hollbrook were chosen, to the office of Selectmen.

Constables Next they proceeded to the choice of Constables, and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that Samuel Curtis, Thomas French, and Christopher Dyer were chosen, but Samuel Curtis & Thomas French declaring their refusal, they proceeded to the choice of Two, and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that Samuel Ruggles, & David Hollbrook were chosen both of which were absent, and their acceptance or refusal could not be known.

Treasurer. *Next*, they proceeded to chuse a Town Treasurer, and Benjamin Webb, being nominated was chosen by vote of hand.

The meeting then proceed to the choice of other Town-officers and the Persons named as follows, were chosen to their respective offices (being first nominated) by vote of hand, vizt.

Surveyors of Highways To the office of Surveyors of Highways, were chosen John George Stephen Cleverly, Joseph Neal, secundus, Jonathan Wild, Shadrack Thayer, Benjamin Hayden, Dec. Samuel Bass, & Isaac Dogget.

Tithing men. To the office of Tithing men were chosen, Joseph Owen, Samuel Hayward, Benjamin Copeland, Ebenezer Hayden, and Joseph Wales.

Fence-viewers. To that of Fence-viewers were chosen, John Hayns, Seth Bass, Gideon Thayer, Seth Copeland, Ebenezer Copeland, William Linfield

Hogreves. To that of Hogreves were chosen, James Hollis, Ebenezer Field, Samuel Belcher, John Ludden & Nathan Niles.

Surveyors of Timber &c To that of Surveyors of Timber, Clapboards, and Shingles were chosen, Samuel Belcher, & Capt. Wm Hunt.

Sealer of Leather To that of Sealer of Leather John Beal.

Surveyor of flax. and to that of Surveyor of Hemp & Flax, Ensign John Adams.

Highways Next the meeting proceeded to consider the affairs of the Highways &c and after some debate thereon & night coming on, they left that matter, with the other things inserted in the warrant to be determined at the next meeting, and the moderator dismissed the meeting.

David Holbrook refused & paid March 9th. David Holbrook who was chosen a Constable on March 1st Instant declared his refusal to the Town Clerk, and gave an obligation to the Treasurer, for five Pounds, to be paid on demand

March 17th. 1735/6.

Moderator. The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town duly qualified & having had Legal warning assembled to Transact Sundry affairs of of the Town, the particulars whereof, as they are inserted in the warrant for calling ye said meeting, being as follows, vizt., *First*, to chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, to chuse one or more Constable or Constables to serve in the room of those, who being chosen at a Town-meeting on March the First Instant, have refused to serve. *Thirdly*, To consider & determine whether the Highways & Town-ways in said Town (or either of 'em) shall be mended or repaired by a Rate &c. *Fourthly* whether [23] the Town meetings for the future shall be in the old meeting-house, being repaired, or that the said House be disposed of, and a House built for that use by the Town in some convenient place. *Lastly*, whether they will allow anything for Bulls & Boars as heretofore. And being so assembled proceeded to chuse a moderator, and Capt William Hunt, being first nominated, was by a vote of Hand chosen moderator for that meeting.

Samuel Ruggles paid £5 — Constables Moses Pain paid Five Pounds Joseph Neal, paid £5 — Peter Adams paid £5 — Ebr. Field Conste. They then proceeded to chuse Constables, and Samuel Ruggles and David Hollbrook, having declared their refusal, votes for Two Constables were called for, which being brought in & Collected, it appeared that Moses Pain Junr and George Chessman were chosen, but Moses Pain immediately declared his refusal and paid the penalty, being Five Pounds. The meeting then proceeded to the choice of one Constable, and the votes being brought in and examined, it appeared Joseph Neal Tertius was chosen. But he forthwith declared his refusal & paid the penalty vizt. Five Pounds, next they proceeded to vote for a Constable, and the votes being brought in, it appeared tht Peter Adams Junr. was chosen, but he declaring his refusal, they proceeded and chose Ebenezer Field who, declared his acceptance.

Ways mending Next the meeting proceeded to consider the affair of mending ways, and the Question being put, Whether they should be mended by a Rate, and it passed in the negative.

Town meetings where &c Then Voted, that the Town-meetings

for the future shall be half in the old meeting-house in the North Precinct, and the other half in ye middle Precinct.

No Bulls nor Boars The Question was then put, whether they would allow as hereto-fore for keeping Bulls & Boars, and it passed in the negative

Then also John Spear was chosen Hogg-reve to serve in stead of Ebenezer Field.

March 22^d^. 1735/6.

George Chessman paid £5 — George Chessman Declared his refusal to Serve as a Constable to which office he was chosen the 17th of this Instant, and paid the penalty being five Pounds.

Samuel Curtis paid £5 — & Thomas French. Samuel Curtiss gave his note to the Treasury for five Pounds, for his refusal to serve as a Constable, to which he was chosen March ye First

Thomas French, also gave his note for five Pounds on demand.

1736. March 10th.

Representative Pursuant to the Precept for the choice of Representative, The Free-holders and other qualified Inhabitants of the Town (having had Legal warning) assembled, and the meeting being opened, they proceeded to the choice of a Representative; and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that John Quincy Esq. was Chosen by a majority of the voters present.

Warrant. On the Same day The Free-holders and other qualified Inhabitants of the Town assembled to Transact Some other affairs of the Town, The particulars whereof as they are inserted in the warrant, being as followeth, vizt. *First*, To chuse a moderator 2^ly^. To order the raising of money to defrey Town Charges. 3^ly^. To chuse a Constable or Constables. 4^ly^, To Determine whether anything should be paid for killing Black-birds & Squirrels. 5^ly^. To consider and determine on some effectual means of giving the Fish free passage up the River at the Iron works &c. and, *lastly* Whether they will allow of a Building lately erected on the Town's Comon &c. all more largely expressed in the warrants.

Moderator. And being so assembled, They proceeded and chose John Quincy Esq. moderator.

Town Tax, £120 — Then Voted, That one Hundred and Twenty Pounds be assessed on the Town for the defreying the necessary Charges of the Town, this present year.

Committee to adjust acc^ts^. with the Treasurer Voted also, That John Quincy Esq. Deac^n^. Peter Adams & M^r^. Richard Faxon be a Committee to adjust accompts with the Town Treasurer, and make Report at their next meeting.

Ebenezer Hayden chose Constable, but refused & paid They then proceeded to Chuse a Constable, and the votes being brought in and examined, it appeared that Ebenezer Hayden was chosen, but he declared his Refusal, and gave an obligation to the Treasury for five [24] Pounds; the penalty &c.

Tithingman. And Whereas Ebenezer Hayden was chosen Tithingman in March last but had not taken the oath, upon his

Request the Town voted his Dismission and chose James Penniman a Tithing-man to serve in his room.

Constable. They again proceeded to the Choice of a Constable, and the votes being brought in & examined, it appeared that Samuel Wild, was chosen, who was accordingly sworn to the faithful discharge of the office.

Black birds Then Voted, That whosoever of this Town shall kill any old Black-birds within the Town, before the last day of June next, and bring the heads to the Selectmen of the Town, shall be paid out of the Town Treasury Three pence ℔ head for all so killed and brought.

Squirrels Voted, that whosoever of this Town, shall kill any Sort of Squirrels in the Town at any time within the present year, from this time and bring the heads as abovesaid, shall be paid three pence ℔ head, out of the Treasury &c.

Concerning the Fish. The affair of the passage for Fish, was considered, and after considerable Debate thereon, The Question was put by the moderator, whether the Town will appoint a Committee to Treat with Mr. Thomas Vinton to know upon what terms he will quit his claim to the River at the Iron works; the sd. Committee to make their Report at the next meeting, It passed in the affirmative. Then Voted, That Lt. Joseph Crossbey, Mr. John Hollbrook and Mr. Moses Belcher be a Committee to Treat with Mr. Vinton about the affair abovesaid.

1736, June 7th.

The Free-holders with the other Inhabitants of the Town (being legally warned) assembled To transact some affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof (as they are inserted in the warrant, (on file) for calling the meeting being as followeth, vizt. *First*, To Chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, To receive the Report of the Committee, that were chosen to Treat with Mr. Thomas Vinton about Quitting his Claim to the Iron-works River. *Thirdly*, To see if the Town and Mr. Vinton can agree on Terms of his quitting his claim to Said River, or otherwise if they will think fit to defend their right in Said River against the claims of all persons whatsoever, and also raise money to defrey the Charges of the same. *Fourthly*, To consider and Determine what may be thought proper to be done with respect to any Persons, that have taken and Improved any part of the Town's Common &c

ye Moderator And being so assembled they proceeded and chose Mr. Benjamin Neal moderator.

Report of ye Comtee. Mr. Vinton's answer. Voted to defend the Town's Right Money to be raised. £100, Granted The Committee above mentioned Reported (*i.e.* verbally) That they had been with Mr. Thomas Vinton and had asked of him, on what terms he would quit his Claim to the River aforesaid, To which (they said) he made no answer, and Mr. Vinton being present at the meeting, The moderator put the Question to him, whether he would part with his Right in the River, To which he made an-

swer, that he would not Sell his Right therein on any Tearms whatsoever. The moderator then put the Question to the meeting, whether they would defend their Rights in said River against the claims of all persons, whatsoever, It passed in the affirmative, against which John Hunt entered dissent. Then the Question was put Whether they would raise money to defrey the charge that may arise in defending their Rights, It passed in ye affirmative, against which Ens. John Hunt & Benjamin Ludden dissented. Then Voted, That One Hundred Pounds shall be assessed on the Town (if need be) to defrey the Charge of defending their rights abovesaid Then the Question was put, whether they would chuse a Committee To [25] Take care that the River be kept clear of all obstructions to the passage of the Fish, and to prosecute in the Law all such as shall hinder or obstruct their passage in Said River. It passed in the affirmative.

Com^tee. Then M^r. Benjamin Neal, M^r. John Hollbrook, M^r. Richard Faxon, M^r. William Peniman & M^r. Moses Belcher, being nominated, were (separately) Voted a Committee to act in the affair aforesaid.

Then Voted, That it shall be in the power of the same Committee (or any three of them) to join with M^r. Thomas Vinton (if he see cause) in chusing referees of Indifferent men, to decide ye whole difference betwixt him and the Town relating to the River, or the Passage of the Fish therein.

Com^tee. about ye Comon Then Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to take care of encroachments on the Common and see them removed.

John Grove's Petition John Grove presented a Petition to the Town wherein he set forth that being destitute of a Habitation to protect his family from the Inclemency of ye wether and presuming it to be no detriment to ye Inhabitants of ye Town, had adventured to erect a Small Cottage on ye Comon Land belonging to the Town, not knowing his duty to have applyed First to the Gentlemen of the Town, for their leave for so doing; but now being sensible of the same, Humbly prayed, that they would forgive what he had done amiss, and give leave to finish the same and to live therein with his Family, during their good pleasure, and that when ever they should think fit to Retract the said liberty, He might be Re Imbursed, what he had expended, in Building it, as may be seen more at large in the Petition on file

Vote thereon — Voted, that John Grove have liberty to finish the Cottage abovesaid, and to Improve it as desired, during the Town's pleasure, and to take it away when he shall see cause to do it.

1736, August, 23^d.

Contents of ye Warrant. At a Meeting of the Free-holders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town (being Legally warned) To Transact some affairs of ye Town, the particulars whereof as inserted in the warrant &c being as follows, vizt. To chuse a moderator. *Secondly*, To bring into the Select men true

Lists of their Polls and Ratable Estates &c. *Thirdly*, To consider and determine of some more effectual means or method to remove any obstructions, that are still in the River called Monaticut River, to the passage of the Fish in any part thereof, as well as to keep the River clear, from obstructions in anywise for the future. *Fourthly*, To see if the Town will continue the Committee lately chosen to act in the Town's behalf in that affair, or add to 'em, or chuse a New Committee &c. *Lastly*, To chuse a Constable if it be thought necessary and Legal, as may be seen more at large in the warrants on file.

Moderator. The meeting proceeded first to chuse a moderator, and Lieut. Joseph Crossbey being nominated, was chosen by a major vote.

Obstructions in Monaticut River to be removed. The Question was then put to the meeting, whether they would have all such things as obstruct the Passage in Monaticut River, in any part thereof removed? It passed in the affirmative.

Then the Question was put whether they would continue the Comittee last chosen to keep the River clear of obstructions? it passed in the negative.

The Question was then put, whether they would have any meet Persons, added to the said Comittee. It passed in the negative.

The Question was again put, whether they would chuse a New Comittee to act in the affair aforesaid? It passed in the affirmative.

A, new Committee. After which, The Hon.ble Leonard Vassal Esq: Mr. Benjamin Neal, Mr. Richard Faxon, Mr. John Hollbrook, & Mr. William Peniman, being, nominated, were voted to be a Committee to act in the affair aforesaid, and that any three of them should be a quorum to act in said affair.

[26] Constable. The Question was then put, whether they would chuse another Constable, in the South Precinct of the Town, considering the circumstances of him that was last chosen there? It passed in the affirmative.

And the votes being brought in & Collected, It appeared that John Nightingal was chosen.

September 14th. 1736.

The Free-holders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town, being assembled (on Legal warning) To Transact Some affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof as inserted in ye warrants for calling the said meeting, being, *First* To chuse a moderator. *Secondly* To consider as well what has been done already to the pulling down the dam, for the passage of the Fish, as what is still to be done by the Comittee chosen for that purpose. *Thirdly*, To see if the Town will Impower the aforesaid Comittee, to defend in the Law any action or actions that may be brought by, Mr. Thomas Vinton against any person or persons, for the pulling down the Dam, across the Iron works-River, excepting any charge Mr. Vinton shall or may recover of any person or persons, by making

out a *Riot*. *Fourthly*, To see if the Town will allow the South Precinct, their part of what they pay to the Schools, &c.

Moderator. And being so assembled, they proceeded, *First*, To chuse a moderator and Mr. Benjamin Neal being nominated was chosen by a major vote.

Vote Impowering ye Committee to defend &c Then Voted that the Comittee chosen on the twenty third day of august, last, to keep the River at the Iron Works clear of obstructions to ye passage of the Fish, be fully Impowered to defend in the Law any action or actions that may be brought by M^r^. Thomas Vinton against any person or persons for the pulling down the Dam across the Iron works River, excepting any charg M^r^. Vinton shall or may recover of any person or persons, by making out a Riot.

South Precinct granted their proportion of School money Then also Voted, that the South Precinct shall have the liberty to draw out of ye Town Treasury, their proportion of the money paid to the Schools to help maintain one in that Precinct.

October 4th. 1736.

The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled (being Legally warned) To Transact affairs of the Town ye particulars whereof, as inserted in the warrant for calling ye meeting, being, *First*, To chuse a moderator. *Nextly*, To consider and Determine, whether something further may & ought to be done by the Town, with respect to the obtaining a Free passage to the Fish up monatequod (or Iron-works) River, and that according to the proper end (intent or design) thereof, it may be as far as possible or proper, accomodated thorow out to effect &c. and also yet further to consider of what has already been done, as w^t^ still remains to be done in clearing the said River, for the passage of the Fish up the same, and of defending or prosecuting in the Law at any time as may be proper in the case. *Further*, To see if the Town will chuse another Surveyor For Highways, as may be seen more fully in ye warrants on file.

And being so assembled They proceeded, First, to chuse a moderator, And L^t^. Joseph Crossbey being nominated was chosen by a Major Vote.

Proviss. Then Voted, That three Hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit shall be paid to M^r^. Thomas Vinton (as hereafter expressed) in case the said Vinton will give to the Town a good Deed of release or Quitclaim [27] of all Right in the Iron-works River, Provided also That he makes no further demands on the Town, nor prosecutes any person or persons on account of anything already done relating to the pulling down the Dam that lately stood across the s^d^. River.

Voted y^t^ ye money be p^d^ at 6 months without, or at 12 months wth Interest. M^r^. Vinton accepted Voted, also, that the said Three hundred Pounds shall be paid at Six months without Interest, or in case it be not paid in that time, all that remains unpaid shall be upon Interest at Six ℔ Cent 'till paid ; and that the whole

be paid within Twelve months, from this time. M^{r}. Vinton being present, declared his acceptance of ye Towns offer, and promised to comply with their demands, concerning a Deed of his Right in s^{d} River.

The deed to be made to ye Treasurer & he to give Bond &c Voted, That the Deed beforementioned shall be made to the Town Treasurer for the use of the Town, and that the Treasurer, do give a Bond on the Town's behalf to M^{r}. Vinton for the payment of the money as before expressed.

M^{r}. Vinton to take the stuff of ye dam &c Voted, also, that after the Committee for clearing the River have done what they see cause to do about clearing the River M^{r}. Vinton shall have liberty to take away the remainder of the stuff, at any time at his leisure.

John Hayden Moses French Surveyors. Then, John Hayden & Moses French being nominated were chosen, Surveyors of Highways.

Novr. 23^{d}. 1736.

Warrant The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town Qualified to vote in Town affairs, being assembled on Legal warning, to Transact Some affairs of ye Town, the particulars whereof as in the warrant being. *First*, To chuse a moderator. *Secondly* to Grant Such Sums of money to be assessed on the Town as shall be thought necessary for defreying the charges of ye Town. *Thirdly*, To consider and Determine on some effectual way or method for a more equal Improvement of ye Town's Comon, (than hath been heretofore) either by Dividing, Letting: or otherwise disposing thereof as may be seen in ye warrants on file.

Moderator. P. Marquands dissent They proceeded, First, To chuse a moderator, and Deacon Peter Adams being nominated was chosen by a major vote, after which Peter Marquand appeared and declared that he had no warning to the meeting, and therefore desired his dissent might be entered against the meeting and all that might be therein Transacted.

£100 — ordered to pay Mr Vinton Then voted that the three hundred Pounds that was voted on June ye seventh last to defrey the Charg of defending the Town's Rights against M^{r}. Thos. Vinton in the matters relating to ye Dam &c be improved towards paying said Vinton for his Right in the Iron works River according to his bargain with the Town on October ye 4th. last past.

£200 — voted more. Then also Voted, that Two Hundred Pounds shall be assessed on the Town in addition to the hundred Pounds aforesaid and paid to M^{r}. Vinton in full of the sum of Three Hundred Pounds for his Right in ye River aforesaid, against which votes the persons whose names are here inserted, desire their dissent to be entered, vizt.

Joseph Owen	D. Moses Payn.	Benjamin Vesey.
William Savel	Moses Payn Junr.	Moses Penniman
Moses Belcher Secundus		
	William Field.	John Sanders.

Benoni Spear.	D. Peteter Adams.	Samuel Pain, Clother
William Gilkey	Joseph Pray.	Samuel Thompson
Ebenezer Crossbey.	John Mills	Robert Lemont.
William Vesey.	John Spear younger	Eleazer Vesey.
John Hayden.	Nathan Bracket.	David Rawson.

The moderator then put the Question whether the Town's Comons should be Regulated. It passed in the affirmative.

The question was then put, Whether the Towns Comons should be sold. It passed in the negative.

Then again the question was put whether ye said Comons should be let. It passed in the negative.

[28] Anno Domini, 1737. The Anniversary Town Meeting, For the choice of Town Officers for the year 1737

March 7th. 1736/7

Warrants. The Free-holders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, duly qualified, and having had Legal Warning, assembled, for the Choice of Town Officers, and Transacting Sundry other affaires of ye Town, ye particulars Whereof Inserted in ye Warrants for Calling ye said Meeting being as Follows. *First*, to Choose a Moderator. *Secondly*, To Choose All Such Town officers as are by Law required to be annually Chosen. *Thirdly* To Choose a Committee (pursuant to sundry Acts and Votes of ye Town) To prosecute in ye Law all such persons as shall Digg, or Carry off any stons from The Towns Common. *Fourthly* To consider and Determine Whether the Town's Common May or shall be Leased, Divided or Stinted. *Fifthly*, To Determine some proper way or method, For improving ye Fish y^t^ May come up into ye Iron Works River for ye publick benefit and advantage of ye Town. *And Lastly*, To consider of some suitable method of encourag^t^. For such as shall be inclin^d^. to keep any Bulls or boars For ye Towns use, ye Want Whereof has been greatly to ye Damage of ye Town &c.

Moderator. And being assembled They proceeded to Choose a Moderator, L^t^. Joseph Crossbey being nominated was Chose — by the maj^r^ vote

Clerk, & then sworn They then next proceeded to Choose a Clerk, (It being moved whether to Choose ye Clerk by Nomination, or by Writing) The Question was put put Whether ye Clerk should be chosen By Writen Votes & it passed in ye affirmative, and ye votes being brought in & examined it appeared y^t^ Richard Faxon was Chose Clerk.

Proceeded to choose Constables. Bowditch acc^d^. Constables Chose Seth Bass Refus^d^ And then proceeded to ye Choice of, Constables. The votes being Brought in for Constables & being Collected, John Bowditch, Seth Bass & Jonathan Hayden were chose — but Seth Bass Refus^ed^, and Jonathan Hayden not being there his mind Could not be known. ye meeting proceeded to choose an other Constable, & ye votes being brought in & examined it appeared y^t^ Ebenezer Adams was chosen.

April 28th. Jonath^n^ Hayden gave obligation For £5 — Adams

Accep^{d}. Selectmen. And then proceeded to ye Choice of Selectmen & ye votes being [29] Collected it appeared y^{t} Dea^{n} Samuel White, Lieu^{t}. Joseph Crossbey, Moses Belcher, John Hollbrook & D^{ea} Thom^{s}. Wales, were Chosen Selectmen.

Treasurer. Surveyors of Highways And then proceeded to Choose a Treasurer, it being debated whether whether to Choose by Nomination or by writing, proceeded to choose by written votes, ye votes being brougt in & examined it appeared y^{t} Richard Faxon was chosen Treasurer by Majority of votes. & proceeded to Choose Surveyors of Highways, were chosen Lieu^{t}. Thom^{s}. Crossbey, Sam^{ll}. Cleverly, David Bass, Nathaniel Belcher, Lieu^{t}. John Hunt, Seth Copeland, W^{m}. Peniman Nathaniel Thayer jun^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Vinton & Joseph White Junr.

Tithing men. Fence viewers. To y^{t} of Tithingman, were chosen Samuel Ruggles, W^{m}. Field, Christopher Thayer, Moses French & Isaac Doged. To y^{t} of fence viewers, were Chosen Simon Crossby, Thomas Allen, Josiah French, John Allen Junr. John Clark.

Hogreves. To y^{t} of Hogreves were chosen Ezekiel Crayn, Moses Belcher Junr. Eph^{m} Jones Micajah Allen Isaiah Thayer, Dependence French, (son of John) Daniel Niles.

Surveyors of Timber & To y^{t} of Surveyor of Timber were chosen Capt Wm Hunt & Ser^{t}. Sam^{ll}. Belcher.

Sealer of Leather To y^{t} of Sealer of Leather, Cop. John Beal

Surveyor of Flax. To y^{t} of Surveyor of flax Ens. John Adams,

Note this debate Previous to them To ye choice by nomination These last viz, Surveyors of highways, Tithingmen, Fence-Viewers, Surveyors of Timber, Sealer of Leather & Surveyor of Flax &c were all voted for by hand on nomination, The question being then put, whether these should be voted by hand votes & after some debate proceeded by nominations.

Swine at large. Stones dismissed at Present And then it was moved to ye Meeting whether swine should Run at large, ye question was put whether swine should Run at Large & it passed in ye affirmative, and then debated upon ye clause of prosecuting persons y^{t} should Digg or carry off stons from ye Towns Common, and after some debate, Dismist for ye present to further Consideration By this Meeting.

Committees return not accepted The Meeting then went upon ye return of ye Committee y^{t} were chosen to setle ye way (controverted) between Ludden & Thayer (See page 15th) The question being put whether the Return of ye said Committee shall be accepted (That has been now read) & it past in ye negative.

Allowance Bulls & boars voted affirmative The Meeting then went upon y^{t} of Bulls & boars, the question was put whether there should be allowance for Bulls & Boars & it past in ye affirmative. ye question was then put whether six Bulls shall be allowed in ye Several Parts of this Town, and it past in ye affirmative.

4 Boars allowed. [30] The question was also put whether four Boars shall be allowed For ye Town's use & it past in ye Affirmative.

Bulls to be approv^{d}. of by Selectmen pastured 4 to run at large 2 The question was then put whether Thirty Shills — shall be

allowed per piece for the number of four Bulls y^{t} that shall be kept in pasture (And approved of by ye Selectmen, and it passed in ye affirmative

For ye Enterry See ye Old Book & towards ye latter end. Also voted Twenty Shill^{s}. per piece for ye number of two Bulls to run^{e} at Large, The allowance also to be paid out of ye Town Treasury. then also Voted y^{t} Fifteen Shill^{s}. per piece for ye number of four good sufficient boars (y^{t} shall be approv^{d} of by ye Selectmen, The allowance also to be paid out of ye Town Treasury.

The meeting Went upon ye choice of a County Treasurer, ye votes being Brought in Were Sealed up in order to be sent to ye Sessions &c.

And then ye Moderator with ye Consent of ye Meeting adjourned to ye 8th. of this Instant, March at one of ye Clock In ye affternoon.

March 8th 1736/7

Seth Bass, paid £5 — Seth Bass paid his (fine) five pounds to M^{r}. Benjamin Webb, Treasurer &c.

The Free-holders & other (Inhabitants met by adjournment.

Stons. Common. The meeting then proceeded To consider ye matter of prosecuting Persons y^{t} shall digg or Carry off stons from ye Town's Common, and after some debate, ye question was put Whether all such Persons as shall as afores^{d} digg or Carry off any Stons from The Town's Common shall be prosecuted in ye law, & it past in the negative

Whether it may be Leased. The Question was then put Whether ye Town's Common shall be Leased & it past in ye negative.

Divided or Stinted. The Question was then put Whether ye Common shall be Divided, and it past in ye negative.

And ye Question was then put Whether ye Common shall be Stinted, and it past in ye negative

Fish, Care of them by a Committee Committee chosen to See about Leting Fish Fish leting. And Then proceeded to y^{t} of Fish. And after some debate Thereon, ye Question was put whether a Committee should be chosen to take care about ye Fish that may come up in ye Iron Work's River, if such Quantities shall come up as that it might be proper to Let a parte of ye priviledge thereof To some persons (if any shall present &c) y^{t} ye profit may be brought into ye Town's Stock & improv^{ed} for some public use, it being object^{ed} y^{t} it was not a vote, but by Dividing and Counting poles (it plainly) appeared to be in ye affirmative. Then Voted a Committee viz. Chosen (Sergt.) John Thayer Moses Belcher, (Sergt.) Sam^{ll}. Belcher, David Bass, *Dea.* Elkanah Wales, & John Curtis, ye s^{d} Com [31] mittee above named to Observe as Follows, (*ie.*) that they take care to see what plenty of Fish shall come up, and y^{t} they treat with some persons (if any present) about taking the priviledge of ye Fish In ye Iron works River as aforesaid and make Report to the Town at theire Next Meeting. The above said Committee being all severally put.

Liberty for ye Inhabitants to Catch Fish Voted, that ye Inhab-

itants of ye Town be not debar^d ye liberty of catching Fish for theire families use.

Committee to adjust accompts with ye Treasurer. The Question was put Whether ye Honble. John Quincy Esq. Lieut. Joseph Crosbey & William Penniman be a Committee to Setle (and) adjust accompts with ye Town Treasurer M^r. Webb and make Report, to the Town at theire next Meeting, and it past in the affirmative

April 28th. 1737.

Jonath^n Hayden. Oblig^d for £5/ Jonathan Hayden, Who was chosen to ye office of Constable on ye Anniversary Meeting See page 28 he not being at ye above said meeting &c. the Day above said gave in obligation for five pounds, Which is also noted in ye Marg^n of page 28 towards ye bottom.

A privat Way laid out for Maj^r Varssal through M^r. Beales land. We the Subscribers having had application made to us by Leonard Vassal Esq. to lay him out a private Drift Way through the land of Mr John Beal, from the Country Roade to his said Leonard Vassals Land, We upon going on the spot Did find it necessary that there be a private way lay^d out in order to the Improvement of the aforesaid Trackt of land, and have accordingly laid out a private way of One Rode & half Wide, from the Country Roade to the said piece of land, The said way being laid out adjoyning to Seth Bass^s land & the Dividing line between the way & the said M^r. Beals other land to be A parralal line With that on the other side, the said Way between M^r. Bass.

Braintrey Nov^r: 12th 1736. Joseph Crossbey, Sam^ll. White, Richard Thayer, John Holbrook } Select-men.

P.S. Farther We are of opinion that ye above said Way through M^r. Beals land is Eight pounds Damage to said Beals & if M^r. Beals be obliged to make half fence, then we think the Damage will be Ten pounds.

A True Entery of ye Original ꝑ Richard Faxon, Clerk.

[32] May 16th. 1737

May, 16th. 1737. Representative. Pursuant to the Precept for the choice of Representative, The Free-holders and other qualified Inhabitants of the Town (Having had Legal Warning) assembled, and the meeting being opened, They proceeded to the choice of a Representative (The motion Being first made Whether the Town Would chuse two representatives) The Question was then put to the Meeting Whether two representatives shall be chosen (by ye town at this time for to serve s^d Town) as representatives, For the present year, and it past in the negative. The votes being Collected and Examined it appeared that the Honble. John Quincy Esq. was chosen by a majority of ye vot^s.

Warrants On the same day the Free-holders and other qualified Inhabitants of the Town, assembled to transact some other business or affairs of the Town, the particulars whereof as they are

inserted in the warrants being as followeth, viz 2ly, To chuse a Moderator, 3ly To Consider of raising money to Defrey ye necessary Charges of ye Town for ye preasent year, 4th. to receive ye Report of the Committee (Chose last march) yt were to setle & adjust accompts with the Former Treasurer, 5ly, To Consider of Building a bridge over Smelt Brook, 6ly, To consider Whether ye schools shall be continued as they have been formerly or in any other method, 7ly, To consider of choosing a Constable in the South Precinct of said Town as also of chusing hogrieves there in case those chosen last March faile &c Lastly To Consider Whether some effectual Method and care shall be taken to prevent ye unreasonable carriing off of Stones from ye Town's Commons.

Moderator. And being assembled, Proceeded to Chuse a Moderator, and the Honble. John Quincy being nominated was chose Moderator, and then next went upon the reporte of the Committee chosen as above sd To adjust accompts with ye former Treasurer. The said Committee reporte being then read (and accepted)

The Comttees. reporte read & accepted, as also the former Treasurers accts So far as paid, signed by ye moderator, yt some orders were yet to pay — acct. where the Enteries may be found that relate. Voted, an acceptance of the sd Committees reporte, and the accompts of the former Treasurer then exhibited and ꝑ by Mr Webb late Treasurer, Examined by ye Committee May 9th. 1737; (and also the accompt of money belonging to the Town at Interest &c.) and a Discharge to sd late Treasurer Webb) See the said Committees reporte with said accompts on file & as they are also entered on the back side of page 58 viz ye Credit side against 57 and also see pages 58 & partly 59 of the Treasurers Book of accompts of said Town &c. and then the sd late Treasurer moved to be allowed for his services For the year past and to this day viz to be allowed twelve Pounds, and it was put to vote, but past in the negative.

[33] 1737 May 16th.

The late Treasurers allowance £10–0–0 The Moderator after some Debate in the Meeting on ye same, and on Mr Webbs request, Tried a Vote at Eleven Pounds, but It also passed in the negative. And the Question was put Whether Ten pounds shall be paid out of the Town Treasury to said late Treasurer Webb for his services as Clerk & Treasurer as aforesaid, and it past in the affirmative.

£120 — pounds. To be assesd £120 — And then Voted, That One Hundred and Twenty pounds be assessed on the Town Towards Defreying the necessary Charges thereof For the year Ensuing, or present year.

Schools regulated by ye Selectmen. The Meeting yn Went upon ye regulation of Schools, nextly and after some debate, The question was put Whether the school in the middle precinct shall be moved for the benefit of the Inhabitants and that, that be regulated by the Selectmen, For this present year, and it past in the affirmative.

Constables May 25 gave his note fr £5 — And then proceeded to Chuse a Constable &c The votes being Brought in & Examined

and Sergt. Joseph Wales (of ye South Precinct) was Chose Constable, but he not being there his mind could not be known, (Note, here was a blank space left & this enter^{d}. w^{n} he came &c/May 25th. came & refus^{ed} to serve as Constable.

The Building a bridge over smelt Brook considered. Selectmen Directed. And then proceeded to Consider the Matter of Building a Bridge over Smelt Brook, and after some considerable Debate The Moderator propos^{ed} to the Meeting whether the Selectmen of Braintree shall be ordered and Directed by the Consent & Direction of the Town now conven^{ed} to propose to the Selectmen of the town of Weymouth that if they will agree to build a Cart-bridge Where the Cart Way now goes, across s^{d} brook and that if the Town of Weymouth will agree and Conclude With the Town of Braintree (either) by their Selectmen (or other Committee that they may have already or may in some convenient time chuse and appoint thereto) that is to say if the Town of Weymouth afore s^{d} shall agree & conclude with the Town of Braintree as afores^{d}. that they will Joyn with us in building a Carte Bridge over Smelt brook in the Commonly Improved Carte way, and that they will build and Compleat one half parte (or y^{t} parte next to them so farr as the Line) in full proportion, that then the Selectmen of Braintree Joyn with them and make and doe our parte in such proportion on this or the Northing side next us in proper proportion, To said line (but otherwise not) put to vote & It passed in the affirmative.

The matter of Stones Dismist without vote Juries lists Read. The matter of Stones debated and dismist to further consideration, without vote, thereon, and then the list of names order^{ed} By ye General Court, and prepared, accord^{g} to s^{d} order, read & past without acting against it.

[34] The Committee Return or Reporte. We the Subscribers being a Committee chosen in March last, to adjust Accompts With the late Town Treasurer Mr Benjamin Webb; upon examination of the acct^{s} find that since his last accoumpts presented on the 20th. of May, 1729, and accepted by the Town, He has charged himself (Inclusive of the Ballance of his former accompt) with the sum of £2746 = 19^{s} = 11^{d}, and has Discharged himself by orders paid the sum of £2297 = 11^{s} = 9^{d} Which being deducted from the said sum of £2746 = 19^{s} =11^{d} there remains due to the Town £449 = 8^{s} = 2^{d} which sum is Due from the Constables and others according to the list here with exhibited and for which Richard Faxon the present Treasurer will be accountable.

John Quincy
Joseph Crosbey.
William Penniman
Com^{tee}.

Braintree May 9th. 1737.

The above entered reporte accepted as aforesaid

Note, when this was offered the mod^{r}. There with signified to ye meet^{g} y^{t} som^{e} Ord^{rs}. were yet unpaid & to be paid By the new Treasurer.

In Town Meeting ye above Reporte (Braintree May 16th.

1737, Then Publickly Read and Accepted the list above mentioned (as aforesaid) also Read & Accepted Which are Both Entered In the Treasurers Book of Accompts, for the use of the Town. See there, vizt Pages 58 & partly 59 w^{t} ye back side of page 58.

A True Entery of the Original as above.

Enter^{ed}. May 19th. 1737. ℘ Richard Faxon, Cle^{r}.

August 16th. 1737. Warrants.

Warrants. The Free-holders and ye other Inhabitants of ye Town (Being Legally warned) assembled To Transact some affairs of ye s^{d}. Town, The perticulars Whereof (as they are inserted in ye Warrants, On file) for calling ye Meeting, Being as followeth, Viz. First, To bring in True Lists or Accounts of theire Polls and ratable Estats, in Order to theire being assessed To ye Publick Taxes of ye present year. Sec^{ly}. To Chuse a Constable. Thirdly, To consider of [35] Chusing a Committee To Prosecute all Tresspasser or Tresspassors on ye Town's Commons, according to a late Act of this Province &c.

Moderator. And being so assembled, proceeded to Chuse a Moderator & L^{t}. Joseph Crosbey, being Nominated Was chosen by vote.

Constable. And then ye Moderator With ye Consent of ye Meeting proceeded, To call for Votes for a Constable, ye votes being brought in and Collected it appeared y^{t} Wm Copeland was chose to ye s^{d} Office.

Committee. & Nextly proceeding to see if a Committee should Be chosen to prosecute all Tresspasses or Tresspassors on the Towns Common &c. ye Question Was put, but past in ye Negative (Note y^{t} this vot was before ye late Act of ye province was read in Said Meeting (it not then being come,) ye s^{d} Act being come & read. In ye Meeting afterwards the Mod^{r}. put ye question Whether the above s^{d} Vote about prosecuting (all persons' (or) Tresspasses, or Trespassors on the Towns Common &c (And it past in the Negative, as above s^{d}) should Be Reconsidered, ye question being again put as afores^{d} and It past in ye affirmative (being confirmed by counting ye Pols) and then after some Debate Dismist ye meeting.

Novemb^{r} 23^{d} 1737.

Warrants. Amos Stutson Chose Const^{bl}. Declar^{d} his, Accept^{ce}. The Free-holders and other Inhabitants of the Town (Being legally warned) and assembled To Transact some affairs of the s^{d} Town, The perticulars Whereof (as they are inserted in The Warrants on file) for calling ye meeting, Being as followeth, First to chuse a Constable Secondly, To see if the Town will agree that each precinct shall have the Disposing of ye Money that shall arise at any Time, by any Fine or fines that shall be paid by any person or persons, Chosen to the office of a Constable in each precinct Respectively, and also to see if the Town Will remitte any part of the Constables fines that paid (or are to pay) In the South precinct this present year. Thirdly To see if ye Town

will let any of ye Stones be carried of off their Commons lands, and if they will, Then, Fourthly, To see what Duty there shall be laid on each Boat load (That shall be carried &c. Fifthly, To Chuse a committee To prosecute in ye law all and every person and persons that hath already or that hereafter shall presume to carry off any Stones of off The s^{d} Town's Commons without [36] Paying ye Duty y^{t} ye Town shall see cause to lay on ye s^{d} Stones, and then Dea^{c}. White, Sam^{ll}. was nominated and then also by vote chosen Moderator, The Meeting Then proceeded and went upon the choice of a Constable. The votes being Collected and examined, It appeared y^{t} Amos Stetson was chosen to the said office of a Constable (who after Wards) in s^{d} Meeting Declared His acceptance.

Some of the Inhabitants of ye South Precinct in this Meeting Mov^{d} y^{t} as sundry fines had been paid this year by (them or) some of them (& as they were yet like to be at a loss &c) y^{t} ye Const^{ll}. y^{t} (might or) was now chose might have some allowance. The meeting then proceeded to consider of an allowance to the Constables (as set forth In the Warrants (as also of each Precinct Disposing of the fines, Viz^{t}. of their having such liberty) and after some Debate thereon, The Question was put (by The Mod^{r}.) Whether such Constable as should serve in the office of Constable in ye South Precincts of this Town this present year, Should be allowed three Pounds out of the Treasury of s^{d} Town (for the Reasons that have been offered by some of their Inhabitants & others viz. ye Selectmen (see ye margin) Provided he be Chosen and accepted) by the Town, and it passed in the affirmative.

Dea. White reporting ye difficulty at this time y^{t} ye Selectmen were at as a Committee & return ye lists And then the meeting went upon the Debate of Choosing a committee (to &c

Voted y^{t} a Com^{ttee} be chosen The Moderator then put ye question, Whether a Committee shall be chosen to prosecute in the law (according To a late Act of the Gen^{ll}. Courte, for this Province &c) all persons that have or shall presume To carry off stones From the Towns Commons (or any other Tresspasses &c) and it passed in the affirmative.

Duty on ye Stons to be set by ye Com^{ttee} The Moderator then mov^{ed} it to the consideration of the meeting Whether a Duty Should be lay^{ed} upon each Boat load of Stones that (have or) shall be carried off of ye s^{d} Towns Commons, and after some Debate thereon The Question was put, whether ye Duty (or price) of Each boat load of Stones (That all ready have been or) y^{t} Hereafter may or shall be carried off the s^{d}. commons Between this and our next March Meeting) by their Leave, shall be set, and fixed, and Demanded (in behalf of the s^{d} Town) by the committee hereafter Named & they Making Reporte to the s^{d} next March Meeting, of their Proceedings (and Receipts) they having regard [37] to the afores^{d} act in their proceedings) and, it passed in the Affirmative.

The Committee Chosen The Committee Chosen for the present Management of the afore s^{d} affairs Were (Mes^{rs}.) John Hunt

(Alias L^{t}.) Moses Belcher, secundus and William Penniman, being all separatly voted.

1737/8 Feb. 27th Warrant

The Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Being assembled on Legal Warning (By Virtue of a Warrant from Benja Dyer Esqr. &c) The ocasion as therein Inserted was as follows. Suff^{k}. ss. Weymouth Feby. 16 day 1737. A request Being Made to Me ye Subscriber one of his Maj^{es}. Justices peace for ye County of Suffolk, By Wm Peneman, Zachariah Thayer John Webb, Moses Belcher, John Hunt, John Spear, Richard Brackett, Nathl. Thayer, Joseph Brackett, Nathl. Spear all of Braintree, for a Warrant for a Town Meeting, they assearting under ther hands that they have Made Application to ye Select Men of ye Town of Braintree for a Town Meeting and to put in s^{d} Warrant such articles as they Desired, and the Select Men unreasonably Deny^{d} them. Suffolk ss. Feb ye 16 day 1737 To ye Constables of Braintree or either of them Greeting. In his Maj^{es} Name you are required Fourth with to Warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of the s^{d} Town of Braintree in ye County afore s^{d} that are Qualified to Vo^{te} in Town affairs according to law to Meet at ye old North Meeting-house in Braintree afore s^{d} on Monday ye 27 day of this Instant Feby at ten of ye clock in ye Forenoon then and there to chuse a Mod^{r}. also to reconsider some Vo^{ts} that were past at our last Meeting Contrary To law, also to see if ye Town Will pass any vo^{te} or Vo^{tes} That ye Common in s^{d} Town shall be Improved as it hath Been in time past; Notwithstanding any law to ye contrary. And if they do not pass y^{t} Vo^{te} then to Choose a Committee To prosecute any person or persons y^{t} shall digg or Carry of Stones or Wood of ye s^{d} Common or any other Tresspasser, also to grant a Sum of Money to pay ye s^{d} Com^{ttee} Charges, also to say what Duty Each Man shall pay for a boat load for Digging or Carring of Stones or Wood Without leave from The s^{d} Com^{ttee} if there one chosen. You are Directed to Make and return th s^{d} Warrant With your Doings unto John Hunt Junr. one of ye peti^{es} at or before ye time of opening ye s^{d} Meeting. Given under my hand at Weymouth, The 16 day of Feb 1737 Benja Dyar Justice peace.

The meet-open^{d} and Dea Sam^{ll} White was nominated & voted Mod^{r}., Then proced^{d} and Debat^{d}. on ye Warrants & after some Debate thereon Dismist ye Meeting.

[38] Anno Dom. 1738. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, for ye year 1738.

March 6th 1737/8

Moderator The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town Being assembled on Legal Warning for the choice of Town officers, and the Transacting sundry other affairs of the Town, the perticulars whereof as they are Inserted in ye Warrants for Calling ye s^{d} Meeting Being as Follows. First To chuse all such Town officers as are by law Required &c. Secondly, Consider of an allowance for Bulls & Boars. Thirdly To consider of Chusing a

Committee to Rent School (or Town) Lands and to manage ye affairs on ye Towns behalf as they shall Be Impowered by the s^{d} Town. Fourthly, To consider of Raising Money to Discharge the Debts of the s^{d} Town, as may be Judg^{d} Necessary. Fifthly, To consider of an allowance for killing black birds and ground squirrels. Then being assembled they proceeded to Chuse a Moderator and Lieut. Joseph Crosbey being Nominated was chosen Moderator.

Clerk. And then proceeded to Chuse a Clerk. Voted Richard Faxon Clerk

French Curtis & Baxter Chose Constables, who all refus^{d} to serve. The motion being made, the Mod^{r}. then propos^{ed} and put to vote Whether, three Constables should be Chosen For ye Service of that office in ye Town this present year, vizt one In each precinct and it passed in the affirmative. The Votes being Call^{ed} for and Collected — it appeared y^{t} Allexander French, John Curtis and Jonathan Baxter were Chose, Who after a little consideration all refus^{d}. vizt. all of them declared their refusal and then ye Votes were again Call^{d} for for Constables and when Collected it appeared that William Wild was Chosen who also Declar^{d} his refus^{ll}.

Selectmen. It was then Mov^{d}. to know the Minds of the Meeting (or Town) Whether three or five Select Men should be Chose To Serve the Town for this year, and after some Debate thereon it was put to Vote Whether five Select Men should be Chose for the Town for this year, And it passed in ye affirmative, (though objected against as a Vote by some,) But was confirmed by counting [39] Polls. The Moderator then Called for their Votes for Select Men and when ye Votes Were Collected it appeared That Dea. Sam^{ll} White, Lieut. Joseph Crosbey, John Holbrook, Moses Belcher and Dea. Thomas Wales, were Chosen Selectmen.

Treasurer Richard Faxon being nominated was Voted Treasurer.

In the North (Precinct) Was nominated and chosen Surveyors of Highways Viz^{t}. Moses Belcher, Benja Baxter & Peter Adams Junr. and Ezekiel Crain.

In the Middle (precinct) Sergt.) John Thayer, Abijah Allen, Thomas Hollis, and M^{r}. Sam^{ll} *Niles* Junr. For ye South (Precinct) Thomas French secundus, Napthalie Thayer, and John Hayden

Tything Men. In ye North parte Sam^{ll} Adams and John Bass.
In ye Middle part Josiah French and William Allen.
In ye South part, Benja^{n} Hayward.
Fenceviewers for ye North part John Spear & John Beale Junr.
for ye Middle part, Caleb Hobart & Samuell White Junr.
for ye South part, Peter Thayer and Isaac Allen.
Hogrieves for ye North part Sam^{ll} Peneman and John Sanders.
for ye Middle part, Thomas Vinton jun^{r}. and Eleazer Thayer.
for ye South part, John Nightingall and Eliakim Thayer.

Surveyors of Timber &c Capt. William Hunt, and (Sergt.) Samuel Belcher, Surveyors of Timber & Shingles.

Surveyor of flax &c. For Surveyor of Flax & hemp, Ens^{n} John Adams.

Sealer of Leather, Cor^{p} John Beale, for Sealer of Leather.

Bulls allow^{ed} To be regulated as last year Allowance for Boars.

The Motion being then made about proceeding on affair of Bulls the question was then put Whether there should be the same number of Bulls, allow^{ed} for ye Service of the Town, this present year, (and to be under the same regulation that ye Town agreed on ye last year & it pass^{d}. in ye Affirmative. It vizt. ye Vote was object^{d} against by some persons) But was confirmed By Counting poles. The question was then put Whether Boars to ye same numb^{r}, allowance & regulation should Be allowed this year, as there was last year, and it passed in ye Affirmative.

A Committee Chose Then next proceeded, vizt ye Meeting proceeded to consider of chusing a Committee to rent or lease out ye School (or Town lands) The Question was then put Whether Lieut. Joseph Crosbey, Dea^{n} Samuel White, Capt. W^{m}. Hunt, (Sergt) Richard Thayer, and Moses Belcher, be a Committee in behalf of the Town to let or lease out all the School (or Town) [40] lands, and it passed in ye affirmative, They being all seperately nominated and were also Seperately Voted.

S^{d}. Committees Instructions Voted also that the said Land shall be Leased out For the Term of Seven years, from the first Day of This Instant March, & no longer, and further the Disposion in the manner of Improvement and all things properly relating To be left to the Discretion of the s^{d} Committee (they ordering the rents of s^{d} land Into the s^{d} Town Treasury, yearly.

Allowance for black birds and ground Squirrels And then proceeded To consider of an allowance for Black birds and ground squirrels. The quest^{on} being put, Voted, that whosoever of this Town shall kill any old black Birds or ground Squirrels from hence untill the last of June next shall be allowed out of the Treasury three pence per head for so many as they shall bring in to the Selectmen, and one penny per head for young ones brought in as afores^{d}, and one penny per head for s^{d} heads so Brought into ye Selectmen from ye s^{d} last of June next ensuing until Mickelmas or the last of September next.

S^{d} Cleverly & Webb accepted Sylvester after wards, Refused & gave No obligation for five pounds he not being sighted to take the oath. And then proceeded To the choice of Constables, those Before chose having Refused to serve. The votes for Constables being called for and when Collected and examined it appeared that Stephen Cleverly, John Webb and Benja Silvester were chosen, But s^{d} Silvester not being at the Meeting his mind Cou^{d} not be known.

1738 May 18th.

Co^{ll} Quincy Chosen a Represent^{ve}. Pursuant to the preceipts for the choice of a Representative or Representatives, The Free holders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, (Having had Legal Warning) Being Assembled and ye Meeting being

opened, Then proceeded to chuse a Representative, the votes being Collected and examined, It appeared that Col^{l}. John Quincy Was chosen by ye Majority of ye Votes.

And there being also the said Day above s^{d} a Meeting Warn^{ed} to Transact some other affaires of the s^{d} Town, The perticulars Whereof as they are Inserted in the Warrants, Being as followeth, (First, to consider [41] of Raising of such Sum or Sums of money to be assessed on ye Inhabitants of s^{d} Town as shall be thought necessary For ye Defreying ye s^{d} Towns Charges, not yet paid, as also What may be necessary therefor for this present year. Secondly, To Chuse a Constable (In ye uper) or South Precinct of said Town. Thirdly, To Consider What is Necessary or (convenient) and proper to be done with respect to ye building of apound or Pounds within ye several precincts of ye s^{d} Town. Fourthly, to consider of Chusing a Committee, To take an effectual care that ye Fish may have a free passage up Manatiquod River (so called) in ye proper Season timously and during ye season. Fifthly, to consider of chusing a Committee to Setle and adjust accompts with our present Town Treasurer.

Moderator. The Free-holders and qualified Inhabitants being assembled, and ye Meeting opened they then proceeded, and Co^{ll}. John Quincy being nominated was chosen Moderator for s^{d} Day.

Constable June 17th. refus^{d} gave a Note for £5/ ye Meeting then proceeded next to chuse a Constable, ye votes being call^{d} for Collect'd and Exam^{ed} it appeared that Cornelious Thayer Jun. Was chosen to ye s^{d} office, he not being there his mind could not be known.

a Tax £200 — And then proceeded to Consider of raising money to Defrey The Towns Charges yet unpaid or that may arise this present year, ye question was then put whether Two Hundred Pounds, shall be assessed on ye Inhabitants of this Town For (and towards) as afores^{d} and it passed in ye affirmative

pounds. each precinct to procure ye land & appoint the place.

And then proceeded to consider of building pounds, and after some Debate ye Question Was put Whether three pounds shall be built, vizt. one in Each precinct for the Town's use, and at ye Towns Charge by ye Select Men, and it passed in ye negative. And then ye Question was put whether a New pound shall be built in the Middle Precinct, besides the repairing the old pound in ye North Precinct Where it now stands, by ye Select Men, but it passed in ye negative.

Committee to keep ye passage for Fish Clear. And then Voted, that a Comittee be chosen to take care That ye Fish May have a free passage up Manatiquod River, and that they be not stop^{ed} in there passage up the same During the season of their passing up ye s^{d} River. Capt Wm Hunt, Ser^{t} Richard Thayer, & Corp^{l} Caleb Hobart, [42] being all seperately nominated and Voted, for ye affairs as aforesaid.

A Committee to adjust acc^{t}s. The Question Was then put Whether a Committee shall Be chose — To make up, Setle and adjust accompts with the present Treasurer and it passed in the

affirmative, and that ye said Committee make Reporte to the Town, and then Co^{ll} Quincy, Lt. Jno Hunt & Dea. Thomas Wales being all nominated and seperately Voted for the said affair.

1738, July 20th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree having had Legal Warning Being assembled for ye Transacting such affairs of s^{d} Town as were Inserted In ye warrants, The perticulars Whereof Were as follows. First, To Consider of Disposing of such Powder as now is in ye s^{d} Town's Stock (which may not be profitable to be kept any longer &c, and also to consider of procuring of that, that may be more serviceable for ye town &c. Secondly, To consider of Chusing a Constable in ye South Precinct of s^{d} Town. Thirdly To consider what is Necessary to be done for ye adjusting of any arearage or arearages, left undischarged, & of Passing such ord' rs as were Drawn by ye late Treasurer, Webb upon ye former Constables & others While he ye s^{d} Webb was Treasurer, and in ye Discharge of that Trust, and ye duty thereof (until his setling with ye s^{d} Town Com^{ttee}. who adjusted with him some time in May 1737 (as also of Transfering ye Town's obligation to (M^{r}.) Thomas Vinton, and was given by s^{d} Treasurer Webb &c Into such other hands as then may be thought proper vizt. To see that affair settled with s^{d} Vinton and become oblig^{ed} in behalf of ye s^{d} Town to s^{d} Vinton for so much of ye Three hundred pounds, Voted, Him &c and such Interest or Charge as is now on legal Demand and shall not be speedily paid. Fourthly To consider of ye Requst of sundry of ye Inhabitants of this Town &c about a way (across from Capt Wm Peirces in Milton) or from Mr. Benja^{n} Beales in Braintree to mores far in s^{d} Town &c (Thus far ye Warrants of ye first meeting.)

[43] (1738 July 20th.

See these also Entere^{d}. Further along, vizt Warrants here misplac^{d} by oversight. And also ye s^{d} Freeholders and other Inhabitants, Being Legally warned and assembled for Transacting an affair of s^{d} Town of Braintree as to ye perticulars set forth or inserted in ye Warrants which were as follows, First To consider of laying a duty on ye stones gotten on & car^{ed} off of ye Towns Common — and of preserving ye wood thereon, and of Prosecuting in ye law all Tresspases done on ye s^{d} Commons as mentioned and set forth in a late Act of this province respecting such Tresspasses &c and being assembled nom^{ed} One) N.B. or observe ye last Warrant were misplac^{ed} and should not have been entered until after the proceeding of ye first meeting had been ent^{d}. and therefore the following perticulars are ye proceedings of ye first Meeting of July 20th. 1738, as ye Warrants first enter^{ed} on ye other side lead to &c.

Brought up of ye proceedings of ye first meeting July 20th. 1738 Capt Joseph Crossbey mod^{r} Now follows ye Proceedings of ye first Meeting as afores^{d}. and Being assemb^{ed} nom^{ed} and Chose Capt Joseph Crossbey Moder^{r}.

A vote for Disposing of ye powder & Com^{ttee} y^{r} for. The Ques-

tion was then put whether ye powder now in ye Towns Stock (with Dea Peter Adams) Shall be Dispos^{ed} of (vizt) sold By a Committee hereafter named they giving an account & Paying in ye effects to ye Town or such as ye s^{d} Town shall appoint To receive ye same in order to procure such other powder as may serve for a stock to be kept for ye towns use, and it was, Voted, In ye affirmative. and then *proceeded* and nominated and chose Dea. Peter Adams, Ensighn John Thayer, and Lieut John Adams a Com^{ttee} for the s^{d} affair they being all separately Voted (The price of ye s^{d} powder per pound to be set by s^{d} Com^{ttee}

a Constable chose afterwards refused to serve & afterwards gave his obligation for £5 — And then proceeded to chuse a Constable &c, the Votes being Collected and exam^{ed} it appeared that Napthali Thayer was chosen Constable (who desired a few minuets to consider y^{r} of)

Proceeded to consid^{r} of Transferring ye affair between ye former or late Treas^{r} Webb or Town and Vinton to ye present Treasurer The present Treasu^{r} to discharge ye Former on Conditions. ye present Treasurer, to see ye other affairs setled. The Meeting then Proceeded to ye affair of Transfering ye obligation from ye late Treasurer Webb (to) Vinton given in ye behalf of s^{d} Town by s^{d} Webb to s^{d} Vinton unto ye present Treasurer (or Treasurer for the time being vizt for his becoming Bound in behalf of s^{d} Town of Braintree to s^{d} Vinton for so much as remains unpaid, and shall not be speedily paid, and is on legal Demand Provided s^{d} Thom^{s}. Vinton shall fairly, fully and legally Discharge said Webb and Town from ye Bond given by s^{d} Webb in ye s^{d} Towns behalf as aforesaid and all process against s^{d} Webb or Town thereon & already [44] Brought and ye judgement or execution thereon. The question was then put, whether ye present Treasurer or Treasurer for the time being shall Doe and perform In all respects in ye s^{d} Town's behalf as afores^{d} if s^{d} Thom^{s} Vinton Comply therewith and being put to vote, it was Voted in ye affirmative (and then ye clause of Passing ye late Treasurer's orders drawn on ye former, Constables and others, not returned at his setling accompts with ye Town's Com^{ttee} in May 1737, and of adjusting any arearage or arearages was debated (ye Honble Co^{ll} Quincy, Capt Crosbey Declaring their opinion (and the Meeting consenting) that, that affair in ye whole of it as aboves^{d} was ye proper business of the present Treasurer, and that it was improper or needless that ye Town should vote upon it, and so past without a formal vote thereon.

ye request about a way considere^{d} but not yet Granted. ye Selectmen to vew ye same & mak report To ye Sessions And then proceeded to consider of ye request of sundry of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town respecting an open way a cross from (Capt W^{m}. Peirces in Milton, viz'^{t} so far as ye bounds of this Town extends that Way) or from ye Road about Mr. Benja. Beales in s^{d} Braintree to ye Road about Mores farm Bridge, It being represented by some concerned that a Petition has been Prefered to ye Court of Sessions of ye peace concerning ye same, and by the Request of sundry of

ye Inhabitants (to ye Town) To ye Selectmen thereon, and it being a clause in ye warr^tt Isu^ed out for a Town Meeting (among other things) The Town on their meeting on July 20th. 1738, Voted, y^t ye Selectmen goe and view ye same, and make Report to the session of ye conveniencies, or illconveniences thereof.

ye Vote for Select^n. Constables should have been here, but was Misplac^d. by Oversight. See Charict^n on ye next leaf

A Meeting about ye Stones by it self, 1738 July 12th. Warrants The following Warrants by oversight being entered above yet properly coms in here and are as follows. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being Legally Warned and assembled on s^d day for ye Transacting an affair of ye Town respecting The Commons, as ye perticulars set forth in ye warrants or ase there Inserted and are as follows. First, To consider of Laying a Duty on ye Stones gotton on or Carried off of ye Town Commons, and of Preserving ye wood thereon — and of prosecuting in ye law all Trespasses Done on ye said Commons as Mentioned and set forth in a late Act of this province Respecting such Trespasses &c. Being assembled and ye Meeting opened, Co^ll. John Adams was nominated and chosen Moderator by Vote.

[45] Voted, Stones to be sold on condition Voted, 12^d per tun shall be ye price for stones carr^ed To Market The Question was put, Whether ye town at this Meeting Will give Leave on any consideration, to any of ye Inhabitants thereof To carry off stones from ye s^d Commons and Voted that they would (on such consideration as shall be by s^d Town or Meeting agree^d upon, ye question was then put Whether Twelve pence per tun shall be ye price that shall be paid for all stones carried off of ye Town's Commons to y^e (or for y^e) Market, by ye Person or persons carrying them off ye said Commons, and past in ye affirmative.

and for him to come to agree w^t ye com^ttee before gotten & carried off Stones gotton & carried off since ye publication of s^d act to be forthwith accoumpted for Also then Voted, That all persons that shall Carry them off vizt. Stones from ye Commons as aforesaid, and at ye price afores^d shall first agree with the Committee hereafter named, for them (or be accounted Trespassers) and that all persons that Have got stones since the publication of ye s^d act, which act was published in July 1737) and do not forthwith accompt with and pay the said Committee, The s^d Committee hereafter named to Prosecute as in S^d act is provided.

Persons using them in town to pay viz. for such stones, S^d Committee to set ye price Committee chose for to see about ye Stones & Wood. A vote for ye Preservation of ye Wood & Oar &c The question was then put whether any stones shall be gotton off of s^d Commons for any use or uses (by any person or persons) within this Town, without pay, put to vote and it passed in ye Negative, and ye question was then put Whether ye price of stones by any of ye Inhabitants of s^d Town gotton for use or uses within s^d Town shall be left to the Discretion of s^d Committee and after some Debate thereon Voted, to be so Left as aforesaid. Capt Wm Hunt Corp^l Eben^r Thayer, & Eben^r Newcomb, being all nominated and

Seperately Voted, a Com^{ttee} for ye affair afores^{d} & also y^{t} they give a true accoumpt on Demand & pay in ye same. Voted also that any two of s^{d} Com^{ttee} shall be a quorum, and then ye question was put Whether the above s^{d} Committee shall prosecute in ye law all persons or any person that shall presume to cut or carry off any wood of a greater or lesser growth standing lying or growing thereon, or that shall Digg or Carry off of s^{d} Commons any oar therein gotton the s^{d} question being put to vote after some Debate passed in ye affirmative.

Observe this vote misplaced See Back ye next leaf . An other Const^{l}. Chose Benja. Silvester he refusing gave his obligation for £5 — The Meeting then proceeded to Chuse a Constable (Napth^{r} Thayer having Refused) and ye votes being Collected & Examined It appeared y^{t} Benjamin Silvester was chosen Constable

[46] 1738 August 21st.

The Freeholders and other qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree having had Legal warning being assembled for ye transacting of such affaires of ye s^{d} Town as were Inserted in ye Warrants, ye perticulars whereof were as follows, First, To bring in true lists or accounts of their polls & rateable Estates to ye Selectmen (assessors of ye said Town). Secondly, With the other Qualified Inhabitants of ye s^{d} Town then and there convened,) To chuse a Constable in ye South precinct. Thirdly, To consider of an allowance of parte of ye School Money to ye s^{d} South precinct as heretofore. Fourthly, To consider of Disposing of ye Old Meeting House in ye North precinct of s^{d} Town) and land to ye same Belonging with ye accommodations thereof and of chusing a Committee to manage ye s^{d} affair.

1738 August 25th

The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled as afores^{d}. And ye Meeting being opened they then proceeded and Co^{ll}. John Quincy Esq. being Nominated Was chose Moderator for s^{d} meeting.

Constable Chose. ye Constables allowance. And then proceeded to chuse a Constable ye votes being called For and Collected and examined it appeared that Thomas Fenton was chose to s^{d} office (It being then motioned To said Meeting that the said Constable Finton might have an allowance out of ye Treasury for his services in s^{d} office and after some Debate thereon in s^{d} Meeting For ye reason then offered, and for y^{t} so many had been chose, and had paid their fines or become obliged therefor) The Moderator put ye Question Whether Thomas Finton now chose to ye office of a Constable upon his collecting compleating & finishing all such rates assessments as shall be committed to him to collect with ye Town Treasurer (or receiver for ye time being shall be allowed Three pounds out of ye s^{d} Town Treasury for said service & It passed in ye affirmative.

South Precinct part of School money Granted. & then Voted, that ye South Precinct shall have their proportionable Parte of y^{e}

School Money paid to them or their ord^{r} for and towards ye support of a School amongst them and for no other use.

Y^{e} old Meeting House contin^{d} for ye present. They then proceeded to Consider of Disposing of ye Old Meeting House in ye North precinct and after some considerable Debate thereon,

Voted, That ye s^{d} Old Meeting House in ye North Precinct be still continued During the Towns pleasure and that ye North Precinct use & Repair at their own cost ye s^{d} House, During ye Town's pleasure as afores^{d} and then ye meet^{n} Dismist.

[47] Anno Dom. 1738. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town officers for ye year 1739.

1738 March 5th.

Warrants. Voted to chuse a Moderator by hand Mod^{r} Chose. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town being assembled on Legal Warning for the choice of Town officers and Transacting sundry other affairs of ye Town, ye perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants for calling ye s^{d} Meeting being as follows. First To chuse all such Town officers as the law requires &c Secondly, To receive ye Report of ye Selectmen Respecting Town ways laid out by them. Thirdly, To consider of an allowance for Bulls, boars, birds and squirrels. Fourthly, To Chuse a County Treasurer. Fifthly To Consider of chusing a Committee or Committees to Settle or adjust accompts with ye Selectmen & Town Treasurer. Sixthly, To consider of some method for regulating of ye School (or Schools) so that It (or they) may be made more useful & beneficial to (ye several parts of) ye s^{d} Town. Seventhly, To consider of an allowance To ye Town Treasurer & Town Clerk per year for his services Therein Eighthly, To consider of petitioning to ye Court to set off to ye Township of Braintree part of Stoughton lands, with ye Inhabitants (thereon) as may be thought proper to Petition for. Ninethly, To Consider of Chusing a Committee To look into & see if there be any Incroachment or Incroachments, on any of ye lands of any Denomination whatsoever, belonging to ye s^{d} Town & to reporte or prosecute as shall be Directed. The Meeting being opened and Capt. Joseph Crossbey being nominated was Voted Mod^{r}. for s^{d} Day or Meeting.

Town Clerk. ye meeting proceeded next & voted Richard Faxon Town Clerk.

Selectmen. & then proceeded To chuse Selectmen. It being first Debated what number to chuse Whether five or three. ye Moderator then Put ye Question Whether there should be but three Select Men chosen to Serve ye town in y^{t} Sarvice for this year and It passed in ye affirmative.

Constables March 19th. s^{d} Ebenezer Niles came & Refused and gave his note for £5 — Negative vote on Capt. Baxters application afterwards gave a note for £5 — His refusal to ye minds of ye other two coul^{d}. not be known The Votes being Collected & sorted it appeared that Moses Belcher, John Holbrook and Dea. Thomas Wales were chosen Selectmen &c & then Proceeded and Called

for the Votes for Constables, the Votes being Collected, exam^{ed} & sorted, it appeared that Capt Sam^{ll} Baxter, Thomas Copeland, & Ebenezer *Niles* were chosen, none of them, [48] but Capt Baxter, (Brought up) Baxter being there. Capt Baxter apply^{ed} To ye meeting to be releas^{t} from ye said choice, and after some debate thereon in ye meeting the Moderator Put ye Question whether Capt Sam^{ll} Baxter for ye reason (By him now) offered should be released from the s^{d} Service of Constable to wh^{h} he hath been now chose & It past in ye negative. He then Declar^{d} his refusal — The other two not being there, their minds could not be known.

Treasurer. ye Meeting then proceeded to chuse a Treasurer & Voted Richard Faxon Town Treasurer. (he being No^{md}.)

March 6th. owen Released from ye Surveyors office Surveyer of Highways See also Page 51 And then proceeded to that of Surveyers of Highways Nomminat^{ed} and chose Joseph Owen, David Bass, Christopher Webb & John Spear, (in ye North precinct) Moses French, Thomas French, Jonathan Allen & Benja Clark in ye Middle part, Jonathan Clark Jonathan Hayden & W^{m}. Linsfield, in ye South part.

John Hains chosen Constable, March 6th refused to serve paid 5 Pounds. Proceeded to that of Constable next, the votes being called for viz. For another Constable & ye votes being Collected & examined and sorted it appeared that John Hains was chosen, but he not being there his mind could not be known.

Tythingmen And then proceeded to chuse Tything men nomminated & Voted (in ye North part) Sam^{ll} Cleverly, & Thomas Baxter, In ye Middle part) Wm Penniman & James Penniman (In ye South part) Sam^{ll} Vinton & Joseph White Junr.

Fence-viewers. And then Went upon that of Fence-viewers & voted, (For ye North part) Joseph Neal & Nathaniel Belcher. (For ye Middle part) Ser^{t} John Thayer & Josiah French (For ye South part) Cornelius Thayer & John Clark

Hogreives. And then went upon that of hogreives & Voted (for ye North part) Wm Veasey & Moses Penniman (For ye Middle part) Caleb Hobart & Thomas Allen, (For the South part) John French Junr & Sam^{ll} Pain Tertius.

And then proceeded to that of Surveyers of Timber & Voted, Capt. W^{m}. Hunt (in ye Middle part) & Ebenezer Field (in ye North part) :

To ye office of Sealer of Leather Were chose Mr John Beal (in ye North part) and John Capen (in ye Middle part.

A certain number of Bulls & boars To be allowed for Bulls How to be approved & entered The Moderator then put the question whether there should be any Bulls & boars allowed for the service of the Town this year, and it passed in ye affirmative & Voted that thirty shillings shall be allowed for each bull that shall kept in pasture for ye use of ye Town & voted that twenty Shillings shall be allowed For each Bull, running at large, provided they be all allowed [49] or approved of by the Selectmen & entered with the Town Clerk by their order.

Voted, That nine bulls be allowed for the Service of ye Town for this year, vizt three in each precinct, provided they be approved & entered as above s^d.

Highways excepted And then proceeded to that of Highways ye First being as follows. Upon viewing a piece of ye Town Way that leads from Ebenezer Crossbey's land throw ye farm formerly belonging to Doct^r. Wilson: We find that by altering s^d way & laying it across a small corner of swamp; it was, easily made a much better way besids ye Shorting ye way, more than one half: in consideration of which, We have laid out ye way a Cross ye s^d corner of a Swamp till it meets ye old way again, Wh^h is submitted To ye exceptance of ye Town Meeting in March:

Joseph Crossby,
Braintree, March 5th. 1738/9. Sam^ll White,
A True Enterry ℘ Richard Faxon Cle^r. Thomas Wales,
Select Men.

The above described alteration read and Voted it be accepted

This also read and was voted To be a Town-way on ye Day above s^d. And then the following, also read: At ye Request of Sundry persons of ye Town of Braintree, We ye subscribers Selectmen of ye s^d Town of Braintree, did meet on ye Day of The date hereof & layed out ye way to Bridgwater as followeth (vizt) we begain at ye Desire of those persons & ye consent of Daniel Thayer, at a great pine tree, on ye east side of ye Swamp that is partly causwayed & so throw s^d swamp up ye hill as the way leads to Daniel Thayer's house and thence along between s^d Thayer's house & a little pond hole on ye West Side of ye house & so throw s^d Thayers land as ye way is now Improved To ye land belonging to ye Honble. Judg Quincys Heires & so over a little brook to a black oak tree marked on ye East side of ye way, thence to a little hill — thence to a white oak marked on ye West side of ye Way & thence over a Little Slow, to a black oak tree on ye East side of ye way, marked, & thence to two black oak trees marked standing Closs to-gether on ye West side of ye Way & an other tree standing opposite on ye other side of ye way & thence to a black oak tree marked on ye West side of ye Way & thence to a little Brook Wherein is standing a White oak tree, In ye middle of said way thence to a black oak tree on ye Southeast side of s^d way thence to a White oak tree on ye West side of s^d way & thence to two white oak trees standing neer together & so thence to Bridgwater line as the way Is now Improved all ye above s^d way to ly open & to be Two rods Wid, Voted excepted &c.

Joseph Crossbey.
Braintree, June 20th. 1738. Sam^ll White.
It is to be understood ye way to be a Town Way.
Thomas Wales.
& John Holbrook.

[50] 1738 March 5th.

Boars. The Meeting adjourned Then went upon that of boars. Voted, that six boars (vizt) two in each precinct shall be allowed

for the service of ye Town this year & then Voted, that fifteen shillings shall be allowed (out of ye Town Treasury) For each boar that shall be entered with ye Town Clerk. By ye Select mens ord^{r} as in ye case of bulls aforees^{d}. The Mod^{r}. with ye consent of ye Meeting adjourned the Meeting to To-morrow at nine of ye Clock in ye forenoon.

1738 March 6th.

Birds and Squirrels The Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants mett, By adjournment &c. The Moderat^{r} put ye Question whether they would proceed & act on what remains in the Warrant & it past in ye affirmative & then went upon that of birds & Squirrels. ye Question was then put whether there should be an allowance for birds & Squirrels, and It past in ye affirmative, and then, Voted, that four pence per head (shall be allowed out of ye Town Treasury) for old black-birds heads brought In to ye Selectmen from hence untill the last of June, & from thence as last year, both as to time & price. Voted, That ye Incouriagment for young birds & Squirrels be the same as was allowed ye last year, So also ye time of Bringing them in

Crows. Copelands request to be released granted And then on a motion made in said Meeting Voted that Sixpence per head be allowed (out of ye Town Treasury for Crows (vizt) all ye year, if brought in to the Selectmen, as in ye case of black birds (viz for heads, and then John Webb one of ye Constables of s^{d} Town, Representing to ye Meeting ye request of Thomas Copeland to be released for this year, from serving In ye office of Constable to wh^{h} he was chose on ye First of this Instant, and on ye s^{d} request & for ye Reasons offered, the Question was put to ye meeting. Voted, That ye s^{d} Copeland be released from serving &c.

Hains denied ye request. Constables Eph^{m}. Thayer & Joseph Owen. John Hains also requesting to be released from serving as Constable & also ye same request tryed by a Vote, but passed in ye Negative, and then he declared his non acceptance, & paid his fine (See page 48 margan) and then ye meeting proceeded to chuse two more Constables. ye votes being brought in & examined & sorted it appeared that Ephraim Thayer Junr. and Joseph Owen were chosen. — Joseph Owen (after a little consideration Declared his acceptance, But s^{d} Ephraim Thayer not being there his mind could not be known. (See page 52)

[51] Votes for a County Treasurer The Meeting then went upon that of a County Treasurer, ye votes being Collected were sealed up in ord^{r} &c (viz) To send to ye Sessions.

But one School. A Committee to be Chosen. A Com^{ttee} for ye ordering ye School And then proceeded to that of ye Schools — and after some debate in s^{d} meeting, ye Moderator put ye Question whether there should but one School be kept In this Town (at ye Town's charge) & it passed in ye affirmative. And then ye Question was put Whether a Committee, shall be chosen, to order the Time (and place) when the School shall be kept in each precinct vizt the North & Middle precincts & Voted in ye affirmative, and

then the Question was put whether the committee hereafter named shall be Impowered to provide a School Master (vizt) a Gramer School Master) For the Town and it past also in ye affirmative. And then went upon that of chusing a Committee and Voted, That Co^{ll} John Quincy Capt. Joseph Crossbey, Mr Moses Belcher, Richard Faxon & Mr Ebenezer Thayer Bee a Committee In the affaire of ye School (as above s^{d}) being all seperatly Voted:

The Town Clerk and Treasures Allowance his dissent as to acceptance in full &c. and then went upon that of an Allowance to ye Town Clerk & Town Treasurer for his service for the two years past, and then the Moderator put the Question if twenty pounds should be allowed to Richd Faxon for his Service in s^{d} offices of Clerk & Treasurer, which s^{d} sum of twenty pounds was then voted in ye affirmative (and y^{n} the s^{d} Faxon Declined the acceptance, of as a full Reward for s^{d} services &c

Doct^{r}. Stedman Chosen Surveyo^{r} of Highways And then proceeded to chuse a Surveyor of Highway, Doct^{r}. Benja Stedman being nominated was chosen a Surveyor of Highways by vote &c

Owen released from being a Surveyor of Highways Joseph Owen who Before was chosen Constable, Declared his acceptance, and apply^{ed} to ye Meeting to be released from Serving In that of Survey^{r} of highways, they then voted him to be released from the service of surveyor of highways.

Petitioning to ye Court refer^{d} to May meeting And then upon that of petitioning ye Court for a part of Stoughton lands &c Wh^{h} was refered to May Meeting.

And then prceeded to chuse ye Com^{tees} as follows.

Committees Chosen two of them Voted, that (Mr) Benja Neal, Mr John Beal, & Ensign John Thayer be a Com^{ttee} to settle & adjust accompts with the Selectmen & Town Treasurer.

And Lieut. John Adams, M^{r}. Ebenezer Thayer, & David Bass, be a Com^{ttee} to see there be any Incroachments on any of ye lands that of right belong to this Town, (vizt lands of any Denomination whatsoever, They being all separately Voted

ye Clerks & Treas^{rs} allow^{ee} referred to May meeting. & then again proceeded further to consider of an allow^{ee} to ye Cle^{r} & Treas. as above s^{d}. & after Some Debate thereon refer^{d} it to May meeting.

[52] 1738 March 6th.

Nightingalls Prov^{ee} & Town rates remitted to ye widow. On a Motion then in the Meeting Made & for the Reasons there then offered, Respecting the Town & Province, Rate (or rates) Due from Ebenezer Nightingall, Deceased, & that were to be collected by Ebenezer Adams late Constable, Voted, That the s^{d} Province & Town rates, and the sums of them as set in s^{d} late Constable Adam's list or lists be remitted to his ye s^{d} Nightingall's relect or wid^{o}.

1739 March 26th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town

of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town Affairs being assembled, on Legal warning for Transacting Such affairs of ye Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants Were as follows, First, To chuse a Constable or Constables if need be; Secondly: To chuse a Com^ttee to withstand or answer ye Petition for a way from Mores Farm to Capt. Peirces: Thirdly, To see if ye Town will give ord^r for ye Com^ttee (authorized by this Town to prosecute Trespassers on ye Towns Commons) to Draw Money out of ye Towns Treasury to prosecute those who have Trespassed upon ye Towns &c Fourthly, To consider of puting in a Petition to ye General Court to prevent Damages To this Town respecting ye great Damage (that has or) that is like to be by seting saines for ye catching of Fish in (or) across any of ye salt or fresh Rivers &c.

Moderator. The Meeting being opened & Co^ll John Quincy being nominated was Voted, Moderator, &c

A, Constable Chose, viz. Isaac Dogget his acceptance & then sworn also Eph^m. Thayer Junr accepted & sworn Constables allowance In case &c And then ye Meeting proceeded to that of chusing a const^bl and ye votes being call^ed for Collected, examined & sorted, It appeared that Isaac Dogget, Was chosen Constable, He being there Declared his accept^ce & was also then sworn. (& also Eph^m Thayer Junr. Who was chose at the former Meeting in this Instant March accepted & was likewise then sworn. s^d Dogget then applyed To ye Meeting for some allowance for to serve ye Town In s^d office above s^d, and after some Debate in s^d. Meeting, Voted, that six pounds be allowed out of the Treasury of this Town, & to be equally Divided betwixt the three Constables, That shall serve in s^d office for this year, provided they Collect & pay in ye whole of the assessments, rates or taxes Committed to them to collect (without any other or further Demand therefor)

A, Committee to answer at Court &c & then proceeded to chuse a com^ttee &c ye Question was then put whether a Committee shall Chose to answer ye Petition at Court concerning a way across from More's Farm &c, & that they in ye Towns [53] behalf to oppose the laying out an open way a Cross from More's farm in Braintree To Capt Peirces in Milton as set forth in s^d petition. Put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative, and then nominated & separately voted Moses Belcher & John Holbrook Two of ye Selectmen of s^d Town & with them Cor^l Ebenezer Thayer a Com^ttee for ye affairs aforesaid

ye Com^ttee about Stones not allowed &c Draw money out of ye Treasury. And then proceeded to that of an allowance to ye Com^ttee In ye affair of Stones To Draw Money out of ye Treasury, To prosecute Trespassers, on the Towns Interest in ye Commons, and after some Debate (it being offered that as the Treasury was not at this time in prepared capacity, and as the s^d Com^ttee might provably supply themselves) The question was put whether ye s^d Com^ttee should Draw Money out of ye Treasury as above s^d & it passed in the Negative.

Voted a petition be prefered to ye General Court ye Honble

Jno. Quincy Esq. Desired as he is ye Town's Representative, to take care of ye petition. & then proceeded to that of puting in a Petition to ye General Court on their next Sessions to prevent all persons whomsoever seting, or catching of any sort or sorts of Fish, either with Sa'enes or Dragnets in any season of ye year) at any time hereafter, when they come up to Spawn, that is to say to prevent all Persons whomsoever either seting of Sa'ens or Drag netts, In any of ye salt or fresh, rivers in which they come up to spawn, as aforesaid, either in theire passing up or down to or from any part of this Town, in any season of the year, put to vote, and it passed in ye affirmative, (& it is to be understood that the Honble John Quincy Esqr. ye Representative of this town, is(authorised & Desired in behalf of ye Town to prefer the s^{d} Petition to s^{d} Court & as speedily as may be to pray the consideration of s^{d} Court thereon to prevent all devices of that nature & ye further Damage that is speedily Like to accrew, to us thereby if not prevented, and that the Honble. Court would be pleased to gaurd, us against all Devices of ye like nature by which the Fish of all sorts may be hindered (and the privilege spoiled) either in passing up or Down in their season of spawning, for ye future.

Marquand's allow^{ee} And then Peter Marquand apply^{d}. to the meeting for an allowance for the service of his bull the year past. Voted, that Peter Marquand be allowed Twenty shillings out of ye Treasury for the reasons offered, on ye acc^{t} afores^{d}.

and then the Moderator Dismist ye meeting

Anno Dom. 1739.

[54] 1739 May 14. Representative Chosen. Pursuant to a precept for ye choice of a Representative the Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being assembled, on Legal Warning, The Meeting Being opened they proceeded to ye choice of a Representative, and the votes being Collected and examined and sorted it appeared that Co^{ll} John Quincy Esq. was chosen by a majority of ye voters &c.

Warrants. And on ye Day above said the Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of s^{d} Town, being assembled to Transact some other affaires of ye Town, ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants were as, follows.

First, To consider of ye Request of sundry persons respecting a free Passage or course for ye Fish up Manatiquod River. Secondly, To hear ye Reports of any of ye Town's Committees that may have any thing to offer to ye Town & to Determine thereon as may be thought proper. Thirdly, To consider of Raising of Money to Defrey ye necessary charges of said Town this present year, as well as what may be behind of ye last year past &c Fourthly, To consider whether any vote or votes that were past in our Last March Meeting respecting ye Schools, shall be reconsidered & whether anything further shall be added in any respect. Fifthly, To Consider of ye request of sundry persons about a way (throw the Rev^{ed} Mr. Niles' farm leading to ye Iron works, & Middle swamp. Sixthly. To consider of what may be offered

farther about a way from The Road neer Mores' farm Bridge in s^{d} Town across to ye Road by Mr Beal's on Crains plain &c vizt (instead of Coming out to ye Road by said Beal's to save Controvercie & cost of Land &c (To come out neer ye mile post by Mr Neals, seeing also it there May be accomodable to some of ye Inhabitants of that part of ye Town. Seventhly, To consider of that clause in ye warrant, for our last March meeting Respecting a Petitioning for some of Stoughton Lands &c Eighthly, To consider of building a New pound or pounds & where they shall be set. Ninthly, To consider of ye further allowance to ye Treasu^{r} & Clerk, it also being at ye last anniversary meeting likewise refered to this meeting

[55] The meeting being opened, they proceeded, and nominated & chose Co^{ll} John Quincy Esq. Moderator for s^{d} meeting, and then ye Moderator with ye consent of ye Meeting, adjourned ye meeting for half an hour, and then meet and proceeded.

ye former Com. then about a passage for fish continued in ye affair First To consider of that respecting a passage for ye Fish &c, ye Moderator Then put ye Question whether Capt Wm Hunt Ser^{t} Richard Thayer and Cor^{l} Caleb Hobart shall be still continued a com^{ttee} to keep ye passage clear that ye Fish be not stopt in passing up (or Down Manatiquod River in ye season, for which affair they were heretofore chosen. See page 43, ye question being put as afores^{d} & passed In ye affirmative

Confirmed ye vote for but one School South precinct allowed their part of ye School money — provided &c And then proceeded to that of ye School, the Moderator then put the question whether the vote that was passed in our last anniversary meeting, that but one school should be kept in this Town for this Present year (viz, in ye North & Middle precincts) should be reconsidered, and it past in ye Negative, and then on motion of some of ye South precinct, to be allowed their part of ye School Money, Voted, that the South precinct shall be allowed to Draw their proportionable parte of ye s^{d} School Money, Provided they employe it for that use amongst Them & no other, vizt. Such parte as heretofore has been allowed them.

A Town tax of £150 — And then went upon that of Raising Money to Defrey Town Charges: and then Voted, that One hundred and fifty pounds be assessed on ye Inhabitants of this Town for ye defreying of ye necessary Charges thereof as far as it will go.

ye request about a way thorow ye Revd Niles's farm Dismissed And then Debated on that of away thorow Mr Niles's land and dismissed

Two more added to that Com^{ttee} Chose to oppose ye way a Cross To Craines plain &c or Milton And then proceeded to that of a way across from about More's Farm Bridge to Craine's plain &c. vizt. on ye proposed alteration thereon. But M^{r}. Benjamin Neal appear^{d} in said Meeting and Signified to them that however he had given Incouriagment That ye way should come out near the mille post between him & his Kinsman &c he has since altered his mind about ye same.

And then they proceeded and chose Mr Benja Neal & Ensign Jno Thayer to be added to ye com^{ttee} last chose to oppose ye laying out a way &c.

A petitioning for some of Stoughton's land refered to Augt. And then went on that of petitioning for some of Stoughton lands and The persons moving in that case not being their, refer^{ed} it to aug^{t}. meeting

Dismissed that about new pounds And then went on that of Building a New pound or pounds, and after some Debate Dismist it without voting on it.

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[56] And then they proceeded to that of an allowance to ye Treasurer and Clerk and after something offered thereon, it was consented to & agree^{d}. to refer it to some further oppertunity at some other meeting, to be considered, and then ye Moderator dismist ye Meeting.

Note the meeting appointed on September seventh fell Thro for that one Warrant though returned yet happened not to be known by ye Clerk.

1739 Septr. 24th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, Having had Legal warning & being assembled, for the Transacting, such affairs of ye Town as were Inserted in ye Warrants for calling s^{d} meeting, the perticulars whereof were as follows. — First, To consider if any thing in any (vote or votes that were passed on our Last March Meeting vizt annual meeting, or in any meeting of s^{d} Town since, in any clause relating to ye School, may be reconsidered, and also if anything farther may be done respecting ye school or schools, &c

Secondly, To consider of chusing two suitable persons to Inspect, Inform and prosecute ye killing of *Deer* within this Town in such season of ye year as is prohibited by a late act of this province &c.

. Thirdly, To consider of building a New pound or pounds as may be thought best. Fourthly, To consider of chusing a Com^{ttee} to settle & adjust affaires with Respect to ye Money Voted to (M^{r}) Thomas Vinton on account of ye River. Fifthly, To consider of Inabling ye Com^{ttee} chose on our last March Meeting viz. annual meeting, To Inspect ye Incroachments on any of ye Town Lands &c. vizt to Inable them to prosecute in ye Law any person or persons, trespassing or Incroaching thereon.

Sixthly, To consider, advise & Direct ye Town Treasurer (or some person as shall be thought fit (What shall be done respecting a bond for money from Nath^{ll}. Owen Junr Dec^{d}. &c (Due to ye Town Treasurry

And then proceeded and Voted, Mr Joseph Gouch Moderator for s^{d} Meeting.

Ens^{n}. Joseph Wales & Eben^{r}. Houghton, Chose in ye case of Deer And then proceeded to that of Chusing men to Inspect ye killing of Deer. Voted, That Ensig^{n} Joseph Wales & Ebenezer

Houghton be ye Persons to Inspect, Inform & prosecute any and all persons, that shall presume to kill any Deer at anytime (hereafter) as Prohibited by a late act of this province, vizt, in pages 687 & 688 &c

[57] Voted but one pound to be built And then Proceeded to that of building a pound or pounds and after some Debate thereon, A vote was propounded & put by the Moderator whether two pounds should Be built in the Town (at ye Town's charge) and it passed in ye Negative, and then a Vote was propounded & the Question put whether But one pound be build in this Town, (at ye s^d Town's charge) and it passed in ye affirmative.

Voted, two Schools To be kept from &c ye Committee there for continued. And then proceeded to that relating to ye Schools — and then ye Moderator Put ye Question to ye meeting Whether the vote passed on our last annual Meeting in March, vizt that but one school shall be kept in the Town for this year shall be reconsidered by this meeting, and it passed in ye affirmative, and then ye Moderator put ye Question to ye meeting, whether that after ye time is expired that Mr Joseph Cleverly is agreed with to keep ye Schools &c viz. Whether that after the expiration thereof, there shall from thence (or from ye first of November next) until ye first of March (next coming) two Schools kept within this Town, viz. one in ye North & one in ye Middle precinct (and after some Debate) It passed in ye affirmative (It was mov^d. Whither ye allowance to ye South precinct as to their drawing a part of ye School money was made certain and it was Judged to be so,) and then ye Moderator put ye Question to ye meeting Whether ye Com^ttee Chosen on our last annual meeting in ye affair of the School, shall still be continued in that affair (viz to doe What has been this Day voted to be done, farther in ye s^d affair of ye Schools) and it passed in ye affirmative.

ye Committee about Incroachments to report &c And then proceeded to that of (chusing) or) Impowering the Com^ttee chosen on our last annual meeting to Inspect Incroachments on any of the Town's Lands to prosecute in ye Law (any person or persons trespassing or Incroaching thereon (there being but one of ye s^d Com^ttee present) after some Debate thereon, Dismist ye affair until ye Committee appointed in that affair, make reporte &c.

Of chusing a Com^ttee In Vintons affair passed over The affair of Considering of chusing a Com^ttee about Vinton's money passed by & Dismist on ye supposition that, that matter was accommodated.

ye affair relating to Owen's Bond Dismist at present And then proceeded to that of a bond from Nath^ll Owen jun^r. &c. and after some consideration or Inquiry, in that matter, M^r. Belcher one of ye Selectmen of ye Town Sigifying that, that affair might be likely to be accommodated By a New Bond & then Dismist the s^d affair at present, viz. and then was Dismist Until such time as that it might be known how far or How it might be [58] accommodated for ye Town's security thereby.

1739, November 9th.

1739 November 9th Warrants. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning For ye Transacting such affairs of the Town as are Inserted in ye warrants The perticulars whereof were as follows (To consider of ye application of sundry of the Inhabitants of this Town &c. We the subscribers Being informed that ye way petitioned for from Moor's Farm to come out by Mr. Marsh's by Messrs Richard Faxon, Peter Marquand & others still labors with ye Sessions and that it has been Represented by ye petitioners aforesd To ye Sessions that ye Town of Braintree have unreasonably Denied them a private way of which they are in Necesity Thor they have been repeatedly requested thereto. Gentle This is therefore to Desire of you as soon as conveniently may be to cause ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree to be assembled To consider whether ye aforesd representations of ye petitioners are just & if they are not just to take some effectual means, to make that appear to ye Sessions & To consider whether ye Town think it necessary that ye petitioners or any concerned therein ought to be indulged in a way & if so where will be the most suitable-place, & if it appear that they ought not to have a private way, Then to consider if any thing Furthur may be done to strengthen ye towns interest Before ye Sessions at ye time when this affaire is adjourned Leist ye Sessions May for Want of a full representation of ye affaire resolve ye it to ye towns prejudice.

Moderr The Freeholders and others Qualified Inhabitants of sd Town Being assembled as above sd. then proceeded and chose Mr. Joseph Gouch Moderator, for sd Meeting

A conditional vote of a way Some to be added To ye (Committee) Selectmen. Selectmen & Comttee to view & mak report in case &c ye meeting adjourned & where & when. And after some Debate Voted, That the petitioners have a way laid out from Richard Faxon's land & thorow ye Lots between that & ye Common & so through ye common to come out a little above Mr Benjan Neals, vizt. Where ye way now is there they, vizt. ye petitioners making ye way & purchasing such lands as is to be [59] purchised, viz. Saving ye Town from all charge thereby & then Voted That some more be added to ye Selectmen in order to Lay out said way, and then seperately nominated & chose Capt William Hunt, Lieut. Thomas Crossby, Sert. Richard Thayer, and Mr. Joseph Gouch, therefor, and then Voted that the Selectmen & sd Committee (above named) Lay out said way unless they by inquiry into & on viewing the same, should find some other way that might be more likely to serve to better purpose & accommodation Both to ye Town & Petitioners (in their judgment) Then to make Report (of ye place where curcumstances and conditions thereof To ye Town at ye adjournment of this meeting, for ye Towns consideration; and then ye Modr wt ye consent of ye meeting adjourned the meeting to the Old Meeting house in ye North precinct on Thursday ye fifteenth Day of this Instant November at one of ye lock in ye afternoon.

November 15th. 1739.

A meeting on adjournment &c Committees report. Ye Committees Report. A negative vote on ye Comttee report as it run before ye reconsideration The Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from ye nineth Day of this Instant November, &c then proceeded to hear ye Reporte of ye Comttee (Chosen on ye ninth of this Instant November) which is as follows. At a Town Meeting Regularly warned, in Braintree Novembr ye nineth 1739, We ye Subscribers being appointed a Committee by said meeting to lay out a way from Mr. Richard Faxon's Farm over ye common & so to come out into the high road a little above Mr. Benja Neals through the way already laid out from said Highroad into ye Common having Viewed said way & Thoroughly debated ye conveniences & inconveniences of ye same, are of opinion that said way proposed Will By no means answer ye end of ye parties desiring to be accommodated with a way; and we are further of opinion that it can't be made a convenient way; upon which we took ye last vote of ye Town into our serious consideration & proceeded To see if a way might be laid out which was no ways prejudicial to ye Town and commodious to ye parties who stand In need of an accommodation, and having viewed ye land From ye head of Mr James Pennimans way wh^h goes into ye Highroad there down [60] through sundry parcels of land which Belongs to sundry persons till you come to ye Common, and so from thence Mr. William Fields land, then over the common land & so through Mr Benja Neal's land upon the line between his cor Jos. Neals land & his into ye High Countrey Road wh^h way affores^d, We apprehend will well accommodate ye parties desiring a way & will be of considerable service if laid out, to many of ye Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree Wrfore we recommend to ye Town ye laying out s^d way on condition Mr. Richard Faxon and associates give security to ye Town for their making s^d way good and convenient for travellers from ye upper part of ye way to Joseph Owens land and Ingage for themselves & Heirs to keep ye same in good order & also save ye Town harmless from paying for any lands s^d way is to pass through (except Messrs Benja & Jos. Neal's.

Signed Joseph Gouch
William Hunt
Thomas Crossby.
Moses Belcher.

This Report read and put to vote and passed in ye Negative.

N.B. That ye interlined or amendment was after ye Negative vote & ye additional words (except Messrs Benja. & Jos. Neals.

Voted, to reconsider ye above s^d vote after the alteration or amendment thereof as follows — The Comttee report with the alteration thereon. Voted to be received as amended by ye following clauses Voted, that Mesrs Neals be recompensed or paid for their land &c &c that ye way be made by ye town from ye high road by Mr Neals land into ye Common above Joseph Owens land & yt ye Comttee & Selectmen who were appointed In ye affaires of Laying

out s^{d} way & see the whole affair completed The Com^{ttee} Impowered to lay out ye way and complete ye whole affaire Voted, That M^{r}. Gouch Inform ye Sessions of ye Towns proceedings Mr. Belcher's offer to ye town of ye pound standing on his land for ten years But after some further Debate on the above said Report & ye vote thereon and some amendments on s^{d} reporte, The Moderator put the Question whether the above s^{d} vote on ye above s^{d} reporte should be reconsidered and it passed in ye affirmative, and then Voted, that the Report with ye alteration, addition or amendment thereon be received, also Voted, That the Town of Braintree pay the three pounds (demanded) by) Mr. Benja Neal & make him up a good fence on his part of land opened by s^{d} way, and also do ye reasonable part in satisfying ye damage of land and fence it shall occasion to Jos. Neal Sec^{dus} (and also make & keep in good condition) the s^{d} way from ye high or Countrey road by s^{d} Mr Neals land where s^{d} way comes out &c. upward till it comes to the common above Joseph Owens land on wh^{h} he now dwells) provided they the s^{d} Faxon & such as are (or shall be allowed as) asociates give or procure a passable way through theire lands from ye s^{d} common until it comes [61] out into the high or Countrey road above Mr. James Pennimans land as mentioned in s^{d} Report above s^{d} and make and keep ye s^{d} way in good repair or order, viz, from the high Road above ye s^{d} Pennimans land until it meets with ye Town way now Improved through the common (or until it comes to ye westling end of Joseph Owen's land on w^{h} he dwells as afores^{d}) and then, Voted, That M^{r}. Joseph Gouch, Capt William Hunt, Lt. Thom^{s} Crosby & Ser^{t} Richard Thayer, with ye Selectmen be a Committee to lay out said way & see if fence and whole affaire compleated with^{end} on s^{d} Neales &c, and then Voted, that M^{r}. Joseph Gouch Inform the Sessions on the time when the affair of the way) Petitioned for by some of our Neighbors) is adjourned vizt. of ye Towns proceeding thereon as above s^{d} and then Mr Moses Belcher (one of the Selectmen made the following offer to the Town in s^{d} meeting that as he had erected a pound (on the old Town Pound) on his land (on which his son now livs) that if they would except it, it should stand there for the space of ten years to come on free cost for which the Town Voted him thanks & then the meeting was dismist.

1739 December 13th Warrants.

a request for a town meeting The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal Warning to Transact such affairs of the s^{d} Town, The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants (for calling s^{d} meeting) were as follows. First, To consider of Raising of Two hundred, Thirty and four pounds of Loane Money Pursuant to a Warrant from ye Province Treasurer to us ye Selectmen, To assess ye said sum &c and also determine us in all things relating to ye affair above s^{d}. Secondly To consider of ye Request of sundry of the Inhabitants of this Town which is as follows. To ye Selectmen of ye Town of Braintree. We the sub-

scribers freeholders and Qualified Voters within ye said Town of Braintree finding a Vote upon ye Town Record relating to a way to be laid out through ye Town's Commons and ye lands of Diverse persons Which we apprehend either not truly recorded or fairly obtained and will be to ye great prejudice of ye town, think it convenient & highly necessary that a meeting Be forthwith called to reconsider ye s^{d} vote & therefore pray that a meeting may be called accordingly for that purpose &c. Thirdly To consider if anything further is necessary to Be done respecting ye Towns stock of powder already sold, or that which needs to be sold.

Moderator The freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled [62] then Voted Mr. Joseph Gouch Mod^{r}.

ye Trustees bond to be prosecuted In case And then after something offered by some of the Trustees and and some Debate on ye affaire of ye Lone money afores^{d} the Moderator put the Question to the Meeting whether if ye s^{d} Trustees of the s^{d} Lone money do not by sometime on Monday next give security to ye Selectmen to save (ye s^{d} Selectmen) & so ye Town from ye Trouble and also ye charge of assessing, gathering and paying in) the same that then their bond to ye Town be put in execution at the next Court now coming, and it passed in ye affirmative.

ye former vote to be reconsidered ye Selectmen and Town Treasurer to forbare at present But after some farther Debate & on consideration that as some of ye s^{d} Trustees had signified, Declared, To this meeting that they should take care to pay in ye s^{d} money to ye province Treasurer and that ye Town need not trouble themselves in that affaire. Voted, That the afores^{d} vote be now reconsidered, and then also Voted, that ye Selectmen forbare the assessing the said money on the Inhabitants of this Town as long as they conveniently can.

And also that ye Treasurer forbare the prosecution of their bonds at present, and then.

ye remaining perticulars adjourned to march meeting Voted, that the Remaining perticulars Inserted in ye warrants for calling this meeting viz, that about a way and also that respecting ye Towns stock of powder &c, be adjourned (over) to our next March meeting.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for The choice of Town Officers for ye year 1740.

1739, March 3^{d}.

The Free holders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning for ye choice of Town officers, and for the Transacting such affairs of ye Town ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants were as follows.

Warrants First, To chuse all such Town Officers as ye province Laws Directs too &c. Sec^{ly} To Consider of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to regulate y^{e} [63] Schools. Thirdly, To consider of chusing a Com^{ttee} to tak care of all Incroachments upon any of the Towns Lands, or Interest of said Town and of furnishing them With money to prosecute in the Law all such as have so Trespassed and will

not surender up Fourthly, To consider of having three pounds, viz. one in each Precinct, provided each precinct build and maintain ye same. Fifthly, To consider of chusing a Com^{ttee} to do what is necessary to be Done Respecting the Fish in Manatiquod River. Sixthly, To chuse a County Treasurer. Seventhly, To consider of each precinct Drawing their proportionable part of the annual Rents of the School Lands, provided they lay out the same in the said affair. Eighthly, To consider of allowing to Mr. Moses Belcher the Chargs he has Been out in removing and repairing the old pound. Ninthly To consider of chusing a Committee to settle accts. with ye Treas^{r}. Tenthly To consider of, and hear the Report of any of the Committees That have been Imployed in any of the Towns affairs, and to consider of any New Way laid out by the Selectmen. Eleventhly, To consider if their shall be a premium allowed for birds and squirrels. Twelfthly, To Consider if there shall be an allowance for the keeping of bulls & boars. Thirteenthly, To Consider of what Remained and was adjourned to this meeting at the last Town Meeting. See the adjournment on the Town book. Fourteenthly, To consider of Chusing some person or persons to settle and adjust all matters and things not fully settled by (M^{r}.) Benjamin Webb late Treasurer of this Town for which there shall appear orders from the s^{d} late Treasur^{r} Webb, Deceased.

Moderator And Being assembled, They proceeded and chose Co^{ll} John Quincy Moderator.

Clerk And then proceeded, nominated and Voted Richard Faxon Town Clerk

Constables. And then proceeded to that of Constables, and after the votes were Collected and examined, it appeared that Thomas Copeland, Nathaniel Belcher and Ebenezer Copeland were chosen to ye s^{d} office.

Selectmen. And then proceeded to that of Selectmen, and after the Votes were Collected and examined it appeared that Capt Joseph Crossby, Capt William Hunt (M^{r}) Moses Belcher Ser^{t}. Richard Thayer, and Lieut. Joshua Hayward were chosen.

Owen excepted In Nath^{ll} Belchers room as Constable And then Nathaniel Belcher appeared and applyed to the meeting that Joseph Owen might be accepted in his Room s^{d} Owen being then also present, the meeting excepted & voted s^{d} Joseph Owen Constable in ye room of s^{d} Belcher

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And then Ebenezer Copeland Declared his refusal as to serving Constable.

Constable. The meeting proceeded and the Votes being called for Collected and examined it appeared that Thomas French Sec^{dus} was chosen to ye office of Constable, and then the meeting proceeded and

Treasurer Voted, Richard Faxon Treasurer.

Tything men And then proceeded to that of Tythingmen and Nominated and separately, Voted, Ens^{n} Jno. Hunt Ebenezer Crain,

Samuel French, Edward Faxon Naphthali Thayer & Joseph Hayward, viz. nominated and chose for Tythingmen.

Surveyors of highways And then Nominated and seperately Voted to that of Surveyors of high way^{s} Nathaniel Thayer, Samuel Wild & Ebenzer Hayden Moses Belcher Sec^{dus}, Simon Crossby, & Ebenezer Field, Benjamin Hayward, Alexander French and Joseph White jun^{r}.

Fence viewers And then Nominated and seperately, Voted, to that of Fence viewers, Seth Bass, Ezeekel Cran, Eleazer Thayer, Shedrak Thayer, Abijah Allen and Amos Stutson.

N.B. Abijah Allen not being sum^{ed} timeously on ye first choice was re-chosen on March 31st. See page 66^{t}

Hogreives And to that of Hogreives, Moses Marsh, Joseph Nightingal Eliashib Faxon, Abijah Neal, John Nightingal & Jno. Hayden jun^{r}.

N.B. Abijah afterwards Dropt and Jer. Thayer chosen See p. 66.

Surveyors of Timber To that of Surveyors of Timber Capt Wm Hunt & Ebenezer Field.

Sealers of Leather To that of Sealers of Leather, Mr Jno Beal & Jno Capen.

To inspect to ye killing of Deer To Inspect the killing of Deer, Jonathan Clark and Benjamin Silvester.

Bulls & Boars And then the Mod^{r}. put ye Question whether there should be any allowance for Bulls and Boars for this year, and being put to vote it passed in ye Negative.

Misplaced Thomas French refused to serve Constable. ye meeting adjourned Thomas French Sec^{dus} who was chosen Constable as above s^{d} Declared his refusal and then the Moderator with the consent of ye meeting adjourned the meeting to tomorrow morning at ten of the clock viz. to Tuesday ye 4th. of this Instant March at ten of the clock in ye morning.

[65] 1739 March 4th.

The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment, from the third of this Instant March, being Mett proceeded to consider

An allowance for birds & Squirrels First, of an allowance for birds and squirrels &c. ye Mod^{r}. then put the Question Whether there shall be an allowance for birds and squirrels this year, and it passed in the affirmative Voted, that four pence per head for old black birds heads brought into the Selectmen, from hence until the last of June, and then one penny per head until ye last of September next, and three pence per head for ground Squirrels untill ye last of June, and then one penny per head untill ye last of September next, and for young black birds heads so brought in, one penny per head From hence untill ye last of September next, and that six pence Per head for Crows so brought in all ye year, all to be allowed for out of the Town Treasury.

Schools. Voted, That the affair of the Schools be regulated by the Selectmen, In all things as heretofore and that of Divid-

ing ye annual rents Dismist after some Debate thereon — by a Negative vote

A Com^ttee to prosecute Trespassers Com^ttee to be allowed Voted, That a Committee be chosen to prosecute in ye law all Trespassers on any of the Town's Lands or Interests viz. Incroachments thereon, and then Capt. Joseph Crossby was nominated and chose to assist Corp^l Ebenez^r Thayer and David Bass in the s^d affair, They being still continued therein, and then Voted, that they viz. ye Com^ttee last named be allowed their reasonable charges, and that they Draw at present ten pounds out of the Treasury if need be to inable them to prosecute the s^d Trespassers or Incroachers in the Law, they accounting To the Town for their charges or costs in s^d affair.

Pounds. The Question was then put Whether there shall be an other Pound built in the Town & it past in ye Negative.

Mr. Belcher to be allowed The Question was then put whether Mr Moses Belcher shall be allowed the charge he has been at in repairing ye old pound and it passed in ye affirmative

Committee about ye Fish. Voted, That the Com^ttee last chosen to keep ye River clear for ye Fish be still continued in that affair.

Com^ttee to Settle acct^s And then Voted Lt Jno Hunt, Ser^t Richard Thayer & Stephen Cleverly be a Com^ttee to settle accompts with ye Treasurer.

Committee about Fish directed The Question was then put whether ye Com^ttee continued in the affair of ye Fish shall ord^r when the mills on ye s^d River viz. Manatiquod River shall go & when they shall not During ye season of ye fishes passing; and it passed in ye affirmative.

1739 March 4th.

A Com^ttee to Settle & adjust acct^s &c &c And then the Question was put whether the Com^ttee last chosen to settle accompts with Mr Benja Webb, viz. Co^ll. John Quincy Capt Joseph Crossby & Wm Penniman shall be a Com^ttee to settle all accoumpts with any person or persons that had any accompts with the s^d Late Treasurer Webb and to advise and Direct ye present Treasurer, as to a further [66] proceeding, In any of the affaires in which the said Webb as Treasurer of ye Town of Braintree was concerned and of allowing and settling for the orders Drawn by the s^d Webb in that his s^d Capacity above s^d and which have been since received by our present Treasurer or ought yet to be received, in Justice and of right. Being put to Vote, and It passed in ye affirmative.

1740 March 31st.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal Warning for the Transacting such affairs of the s^d Town the perticulars whereof as they were In the warrants were as follows. First To have and consider of the Request of sundry of the Inhabitants of this Town, concerning the stoping of the Fish In Manatiquod River, and to

see what may be Done to prevent such an unreasonable practice for the future. Secondly, To consider of Chusing some more such Town Officers as the province laws directs too, if need be &c.

Moderator. Being assembled as above s^{d} they proceeded and chose Capt Joseph Crossby Moderator.

Copy of ye Court act about Fish read And then the copy of a late Act of the General Court, respecting the stoping or Catching fish in Manatiquod River between Braintree and Weymouth &c being read in said Meeting the affair or perticular paragraft mentioned in the warrant was Dismist, and then

Thos Copeland Declared his refusal to serve Const^{bl} Constables. Wm French P^{d} £5 — Peter Thayer's request for a few days consid^{on} granted Thomas Copeland who was chosen to the office of a Constable on March 3^{d} of this Instant appeared and Declared his refusal, and then the Votes being called for, for the choice of two Constables and the votes being Collected and examined it appeared that William French and Peter Thayer were chosen to the s^{d} office. Peter Thayer then requesting, of the meeting to be allowed viz. Voted, that Peter Thayer now chosen to the office of a Constable, shall be allowed a few days to give in his answer, provided he do it seasonably.

Alexander French chose survey^{r} of Highways. And then proceeded and chose Alexander French a Surveyor of highways.

Abijah Allen a fence-viewer And also chose Abijah Allen one of the viewers of fences in this Town for this year viz. by vote rechose to ye s^{d} offices for that the two last mentioned were not timously summoned to take ye respective oaths &c

and Jer^{h} Thayer as hogreive. And then nominated and Voted Jeremiah Thayer be one of the Hogreives for this year, in this Town.

[67] 1740, May 19th.

1740, May 19th. Col^{l} Quincy Representative The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning for ye choice of a Representative (in Pursuance of a precept Directing thereto &c and being assembled as aboves^{d}, the meeting being opened they proceeded to ye choice of a Representative, and then their votes being brought in and examined it appeared that Co^{ll} John Quincy was chosen Representative he having the Major Vote, vizt the major part of the votes.

Warrants On the day above s^{d} ye Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affaires, assembled to transact such affairs of the Towns, ye perticulars as they were Inserted in ye warrants were as follows. First, To consider of Raising money to Defrey the Town chargs. Sec^{ly} To consider of chusing a Constable or Constables. Thirdly, To hear and consider of the Reporte of any of ye Com^{ttees} that the s^{d} Town Has Imployed in any affair of the s^{d} Town, if any of them be prepared &c. Fourthly, To consider if ye Town will build, or may think it proper to build a house on the Town's

Common, for ye Towns use. Fifthly, To consider if Mary Nealabee of Boston, shall be allowed anything by this town for her boarding and nursing Shove Mills. Sixthly, To consider if something farther may be thought proper or necessary to be done for the clearing ye passage for ye Fish up Manatiquod River.

Moderator. And being assembled, and the meeting opened they proceeded, and chose, Co^{ll} John Quincy Moderator.

Voted £150, Pounds tax £150—And then proceeded to that of Raising of Money for ye Defreying of the s^{d} Town Charges ye Mod^{r} then put ye Question whether one Hundred and fifty Pounds shall be assessed on the Inhabitants of this Town as far as the same will goe towards ye defreying s^{d} charges, (viz on poles and of all other things Ratable by ye laws of this Province, put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative.

Y^{e} request of Peter Thayer and others Granted on condition S^{d} Peter Thayer Being Sworn to &c. And then Peter Thayer one of those Chosen to ye office of Constable, Coming into said meeting he with others pleaded for some consideration if he should serve in ye office of Constable, for that as their case was Difficult in as much as that as so many of that precinct had of late Paid their fines, and that but few if any to be found Qualified therefor, that had not served or paid, and after some Debate the Moderator put the Question Whether five pounds, should be allowed To s^{d} Peter Thayer out of the Treasury of this Town, if he serve the Town in s^{d} office of Constable, vizt that he be allowed the s^{d} sum of five pounds on his faithful Discharge and making up accompts of all such assessments as shall be Committed unto him to Collect, and it passed in ye affirmative.

Benja Clark chosen Constable refuses to serve And then proceeded to ye choice of an other Constable, and after ye votes being Collected and examined it appeared That Benja Clark was chose he Immediately Declared his Refusal.

[68] Benja Hunt Chose Constable The Committees reporte about ye Powder Voted, that the money for wh^{h}. ye powder was sold be lodged in ye Treasury &c to procure more And then proceeded to ye choice of another and after the votes were Collected and examined it appeared that Benja Hunt was chose, he not being then in ye meeting proceeded to that of hereing the Com^{ttee} Report Dea^{n}. Peter Adams and L^{t}. John Adams two of the Com^{ttee} being then there Reported to the meeting that they had disposed of the Town's Powder (viz that which had been for some time since under the care of the s^{d} Dea^{n} Adams, ye Moderato^{r} then put ye Question whether ye said Com^{ttee} speedily shall lodge the s^{d} money now in their hands viz.) the full sum for which the s^{d} Town's Powder was sold) Into the Town Treasury, For ye use of the Selectmen to purchase more powder for towns use, and it passed in ye affirmative.

A negative vote on Mr Belcher's proposal Mr. Belcher one of ye Select men proposed that it was as he conceived the shortest and best or more proper way that the Com^{ttee} pay the s^{d} money to ye Selectmen. The matter being Debated, a vote was put by y^{e}

Mod^{r} to ye meeting whether the s^{d} Com^{ttee} viz. Whether the foregoing vote For the s^{d} Com^{ttees} speedly lodging the money in their Hands for which the afores^{d} powder, was sold in the Treasury should be reconsidered, and it passed in the Negative.

Benja. Hunts refusing &c Jonathan Wild chose Constable. Wild's application. a negative vote thereon Wild's refusal But see afterwards. 1740, May 19th. W^{m}. Pennimam refused to serve Const^{ble}. Caleb Hobart Chose & refused Nathaniel Belcher chose Constable he accepted and was then sworn and on condition to have three pounds ye negative vote on Wilds allowance reconsidered he accepted & was then sworn Added by vote Forty shillings to ye three pound's before voted to Nathl Belcher And then Benja Hunt who was Constable as above s^{d} came into the meeting and Declared his Refusal to serve Constable. The Meeting then proceeded to a new choice and the votes being Collected and examined it appeared that Jonathan Wild was chosen. The s^{d} Wild then applyed to ye meeting for some consideration if he should serve in the s^{d} office and after some Debate ye Mod^{r} put ye Question to ye meeting whether the s^{d} Wild shall be allowed three pounds out of Town Treasury upon his making up an accompt of such assessments as shall be committed unto him and it past in ye Negative, s^{d} Wild then Refusing to serve unless he might be allowed. The meeting then proceeded to a New choice and [**69**] the votes being Collected & examined it appeared that William Penniman was Chosen. S^{d} Penniman then afterwards Declared his refusal, and then the meeting proceeded to a new choice and after ye votes were brought in and Collected and examined, it appeared that Caleb Hobart was chosen, s^{d} Hobart then Declared his refusal, and then on motion made in, or to s^{d} meeting that as ye Town had accepted Joseph Owen's in the room of Nathaniel Belcher, and in as much as he had not taken ye oaths of a Constable since, as was expected he should have done, and that the Town might be at a loss if he should now refuse, The meeting concluded it expedient now, to chuse another, and after some Debate, the Question was put by the Moderat^{r} to ye meeting whether Nathaniel Belcher sho^{ld} Be one of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, and upon his acceptance and making up the accompts of all such assessments or taxes as shall be committed unto him to collect he shall be allowed three pounds, out of the Treasury of this Town, put to vote and it passed in the affirmative, and then a motion was made to s^{d} meeting that a vote might be again tried whether they would not reconsider ye Foregoing vote that past in the negative, and make some addition to ye 3£ offerer to s^{d} wild. The Moder^{r} then after some Debate put ye Question whether if the above s^{d} Jonathan Wild do yet accept and serve in the office of Constable that upon his acceptance and making up The accompts of all such assessments or taxes as shall be committed unto him to Collect he shall be allowed five pounds out of the Town Treasury and also that W^{m}. Penn, & Caleb Hobart be released put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative viz. from the service of Constables for this year, and then on a motion made

in s^{d} meeting To try a Vote for forty shillings more seeing others had five Pounds allowed them vizt. to ye three pounds before voted to Nathaniel Belcher, if he serve in s^{d} office, and make up accompts as afores^{d}, put to vote and it passed in the affirmative

Voted that ye Selectmen purchise John Groves House now on ye Town Com^{on} for ye Towns use in case &c And then the meeting proceeded to that of building a house on the Towns Common, and after some consideration of the affair, on motion made in said meeting, that John Grove was under some Inclination To sell his house that he had on s^{d} Com^{on} and to move out of Town

Voted, That the Selectmen purchiss the s^{d} John Groves House now standing on the Town's Com'on if they can have it a moderate price and he move out of Town, vizt. to purchise s^{d} house for the Towns use.

Voted ten pounds to Shove Mills In case &c And then ye meeting proceeded to that of an answer to a petition respecting Shove Mills, and after some Debate Dismist s^{d} petition. But then Voted, ten pounds to said Mills to Inable him towards paying his late expenses at Boston

[70] 1740, June 30th.

1740, June 30th. Warrants. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning, To Transact an affair of the s^{d} Town the perticular whereof as it was Inserted in the Warrant was a follows viz. then and there to consider of Impowering and Further authorizing the Committee chose Last March, For the prosecuting in the law all Trespassers or Incroachers on the Town's Common Lands, or any of Towns Interests in any Lands, whatsoever of right belonging to ye s^{d} Town, if need be, or such Com^{ttee} shall be thought proper in s^{d} affair.

Moderator. The Committee chose last March in ye affair between Thomas French & ye Town Impowered to prosecute in ye law or otherwise in ye Town behalf to final issue. Being assembled as above s^{d} the meet Proceeded, or they, Proceeded. Nominated and chose Capt. Joseph Crossbey, Moderat^{r}. and then &c proceeded to consider of the affair perticularly Inserted in the warrant as afores^{d}. and after some debate, ye Moderator put the Question to the meeting whether the Com^{ttee} already Chose and those chose last March past, and have in part proceeded to the prosecuting the controvercie between the Town and Thomas French about a line or the lines between the Town's Common and the Lands of s^{d} French, Shall be understood to be fully Impowered and authorized to all intents and purposes to Prosecute the present writ of ejectment allready brought against s^{d} French to Effect, or to agree between themselves, or to leave the affair to refferees or further to prosecute in ye Law, to a full and final issue of s^{d} controvercie, to all Constructions and Meanings whatsoever, In behalf of the s^{d} Town as need shall be in s^{d} affair. Put to vote, and it past in the affirmative, and then the Moderator Dismist the Meeting.

1740 September 8th

Warrants. Moderator. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affaires being assembled on Legal Warning To Transact such affairs of the Town (aforesd) The perticulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants were as follows, viz. First, To bring in Valuations of their Rateable Estats as by Law Directed. Secondly — To consider if the Town will allow the South precinct to Draw (their) or a proportionable Part of the School money. Thirdly, To hear and consider the Request of sundry persons whose names are Inserted or fixed to a [71] paper given in to the Selectmen, requesting a Consideration of the Town by Demanding the Inserting thereof in the next warrant (for a Town meeting) viz. of the unwarrantable conduct of the Town at their meeting on May 19th. last &c. Concerning the three Constables Being allowed the sum of five pounds, each &c. as by relation Had to said paper may more fully Shew. Being assembled, The meeting proceeded, nominated and Voted Capt Joseph Crossbey Moderator &c.

Voted yt ye South prect Draw in proportion To what they pay &c And then after some Debate, Voted That the South precinct shall be allowed a proportionable Part of the School Money, viz. that they draw out of the Treasury of this Town a proportionable part to what they pay, of the whole money Improved for the Schools, To and for the Support of a school amongst them, and for no other use.

Voted that The County of Suffolk be Divided The request of sundry of the Inhabitants as mentioned In ye Warrants Debated. A negative vote passed It being then Signified by some in sd meeting that there was a motion on foot for the Dividing the County of Suffolk into two Counties and then, the Question was put whether they were Desirous that the County of Suffolk should be Divided into two Counties, put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative, and then a motion was made in sd meeting that the request of sundry person as mentioned in the warrant might be further Debated upon, The question was put whether they would Reconsider any thing In the Votes passed in our last May meeting relating to the Constables &c. and it passed in the negative.

And then proceeded to that of taking in Valuations.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers for the year, 1741.

March 2d 1740

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for Voting in Town Affairs, being assembled on Legal warning for the choice of Town Officers, and for Transacting such affairs of the Town The perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants were as follows —

Warrants First, To choose all such Town officers as by the Laws of the province are directed to be chosen

Secondly, To consider if there shall be any allowance for bulls and boars, viz. for the number that shall be kept &c

[72] Thirdly, To consider of an allowance for birds and squirrels &c

Fourthly, To consider of building or hiring of a house for the Entertaining or Imploying such poor persons as the Town are obliged to take care off, and also to consider whether the Town will approve of the Treasurers taking of Land, bank, or money factory Bills of the Several Constables for the Town Rate allready assessed.

Fifthly, To consider of the Reports of any of the Towns Committees about ways, and other things &c

Sixthly, To consider if the Town will let the Remaining part of Towns swamp (where Thomas French hath a part or that adjoining to s^{d} Frenches viz. for clearing and fencing for Improvement.

Seventhly, To consider of chusing a Committee to Settle the bounds between the Town's and perticular persons Lands.

Eighthly, To chuse a County Treasurer.

March 2^{d} 1740

Moderator Being accordingly assembled, they proceeded, and Co^{ll} John Quincy being nominated was chosen Moderator &c &c

Voted, Richard Faxon, Clerk.

Voted first that five Selectmen be chosen for ye present year Chosen for Selectmen. And then proceeded to choose Selectmen and after the votes were Collected it appeared that Messrs John Adams, Jonathan Webb, John Holbrook Samuel Wild, & Dea. Thom^{s} Wales.

Chose for Constables viz. voted into y^{t} Office Copeland & French Sworn And then proceeded to y^{t} of Constables, Jonathan Webb refus^{d}. Seth Copeland, accept^{d}. Nathan^{ll}. French, accept^{d}. & Moses Belcher Secundus, refused.

Treasurer Voted, for Treasurer, vizt. Chose Richard Faxon.

Chose for Tythingmen And then chose to the Office of Tythingmen, Simon Crossby, Stephen Cleverly, Samuel Curtis Willm Penniman & Benjamin Porter.

Chose for Fence-viewers And then proceeded to that of Fence viewers, and chose to that office Thomas Crossbey, Moses Pain Junr. Jonathan Allen, Gideon Thayer, Dependence French Jonathan Porter.

Chose to the Office of surveyors of Highways And then proceeded to that of Surveyors of High wayes, Nehemiah Hayden, Samuel Bass, Joseph Neal, Peter Adams Junr. Thomas Vinton Ser^{t} Jno. Thayer, Eliashib Faxon, James Penniman Ebenezer Copeland, & Ebenezer Niles.

[73] March 2^{d} 1740

Surveyors of Timber And then proceeded to that of Surveyors of Timber, planks, bords & Shingles, and then chose, Capt William Hunt, & Ebenezer Field for s^{d} affair —

Sealers of Leather And then proceeded to that of Sealers of Leather, and then chose Mr. John Beal, and John Capen, to serve in the said affair.

Chose for Hogreives And then proceeded to that of Hogreives, and then chose as follows, Caleb Hobart, Nathaniel Vinton, James Brackett, Samuel Webb, Isaac Allen & John Clark.

Deer. And then proceeded to that to chuse men to Inform (or prosecute against those that shall presume to kill any Deer w^{t} in ye times prohibited by Law, and then chose in that affair vizt Jonathan Clark & Jonathan Hayden, Chose to inform or prosecute.

Each Constable at making up all &c. To be allowed five pounds And then proceeded, and on a motion made that the consta^{s} might be allowed for their Service, and after some Debate Thereon, The Moderator put the Question whether those that shall serve this Town in the office of Constables for the year ensuing upon their making up their accompts of all such assessments as shall be committed unto them, with the respective Treasurers, shall be allowed (or paid) each of them five Pounds out of the Treasury of this Town, and it passed In the affirmative

That of bulls & boars passed in ye negative. And then proceeded to that of an allowance for bulls and Boars: and the Question was put whether there shall be an allowance for bulls and boars for the ensuing year and it passed in the Negative.

An allowance for birds & Squirriels pas^{d}. in ye affirm^{ve} And then proceeded to that of an allowance for birds and Squirrels. And then the Question was put whether the premium for birds and Squirrels shall be the same as was allowed in all respects the last year, also allowing to be received the grey Squarrils under the same Regulation as that of ground Squarriels, put to vote, and passed in the affirmative.

The Constables to pay & the Treasurer to Receive Land Bank Bills And then proceeded to that of the Land Bank or manufactory Bills and after some Debate, the Question was put whether the several Constables of this Town shall be allowed to pay in their respective proportions of the Towns rate allready assessed into the s^{d} Town Treasury, and the Treasurer to Receive the same, and it being put to vote, it passed in the Affirmative

and y^{n} adjourn^{ed} ye meeting And then the Mod^{r}. With the Consent of Meeting Adjourned the Meeting to tomorrow at one of the Clock, In the afternoon, vizt. to Tuesday at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon

March 3^{d}.

ye Com^{ttees} return read March 3^{d}. 1740 The meeting adjourned Being assembled vizt. ye Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants. By adjournment from ye 2^{d} of this Instant, March, proceeded to that of hearing ye report of the Towns Com^{ttee} about ways — and the — meeting proceeded — [74] The s^{d} Com^{ttee} Chose on November 15th. 1739 made their Return which Return being then Read and after some Debate thereon — The Moderat^{r} with consent of Meeting adjourned the Meeting to Tuesday the Tenth of this Instant, March at ten of the clock in the forenoon (for the further consideration of what Remains (in the Warrants &c) For calling this meeting.

March 10th. 1740.

Benjan Beale Junr chose Constable The Freeholders and Other Qualified Inhabitants being Assembled by adjournment from the third of this Instant — proceeded To the choice of one Constable and after the votes were Collected and examined it appeared that Benjamin Beal junr was chose (but He not being there, his mind could not be known.

A Register voted for And then proceeded to chuse a Register (for the County of Suffolk &c. and after ye sd votes were Collected they were delivered to the Constable (vizt one of them.

Also a County Treasurer voted for And then proceeded to chuse a Treasurer for sd County and after the votes were Collected they were delivered To the Constable, also to be sealed up and carried in &c

The Comttees Return of a way &c Read again And then the meeting proceeded to a further consideration of the Committees Return of a Town way Laid out, Pursuant to the votes of the Town on Their Meeting, on November fifteenth Seventeen Hundred and Thirty nine by an adjournment From ye nineth of that sd November which return Is as follows —(Being again Read)

March 10th. 1740.

The return of a town way as it was Laid Out by ye Selectmen and Comttee. March 10th. 1740. Pursuant to a Vote of the Town-meeting assembled, By the adjournment to the North precinct at the Old meeting house November the fifteenth, Seventeen Hundred Thirty & nine, Impowering us the subscribers to Lay out a Town way as by the Votes of said Town, and their proceedings at said Meeting, The Freeholders and other Inhabitants then being convened) Will appear referance thereto Being had. We Layed out said Way agreeable to the power to us given in manner Following. To begin at the High Road a little to the Eastward of Mores farm, vizt. in the low ground about ye Round swamp, in and Ephraim Jone's Land — vizt. from the said high Road East of the said Round swamp on the brow of the hill Through the said Ephraim Jone's Land With a Streight course to James Penniman's Land, and then still on a streight course from [75] said Jones Land, Throug the said Pennimas Land between His house and barn and so on the East side of his orchard and then with a streight Course until it comes To the carteway, used through his pasture Land, and still on a streight course untill it comes to the Westing line of Ephraim Hunts Land, and then on the said Hunts Land on the West side untill it comes to the Way (called) alderidges farm way, vizt. the way leading to sd Farm, and then with a Streight Line or Course through Ephraim Thayers Land (Lately purchised of John Mills, Till you come to the land of Nathaniel Blancher, and There begining at a Walnut Tree blazed on the West side, from thence to a Red Cedar Markd on the East side, and so on the East side of a Large flat Rock near the top of a hill in said Blanchers Land aforesd and from thence on a streight Line to a fence on the East side of said Blanchers (aforesd) Orchard), and then on the East

side of the fence till you come to Richard Faxon's Land, and from thence through said Faxon's land as Follows, begining at a fence between the aforesaid Faxon and Blanchers Land at a post in said fence mark^{t} to the Westward and then on blaze^{d} Walnuts & other (Blazed) Trees on the brow of a hill, To Peter Marquands Land and then Entering a corner of the Marquands Land, and then to goe along a wall, on the East side, Till you come to the orchard fence, and so on a streight line till you come over the brook, and From thence as the way is now used till you come to the Common Land, the addition of the weidth in order to make the whole of said way a rod and half wide to be on the East side of the way; and then through the Common over the way that was made last year, Till you come to the Road that Leads to Alderidges farm a little to the East of the corner of Faxons meadow, and from thence in the way that goes (to Alderidges farm or to the six hundred acres,) as the way is now used to Joseph Owen's barr's, and then Round his land as is commonly used to goe with empty carts, from thence down a Hill and so through a swamp in ye way that is commonly used by William Field's shop, and then from thence on the Eastward side of said shop as it now stands, and from thence by the side of his fence till you come to a rockey mountain, and then through the wall to the Westward of the mountain Till you come to a fence set up by Joseph Neal Secundus, supposed to be common, and then along in the common till you come to Benja^{n} Neals, and Joseph Neal's secundus Lands and so through said Benjamin Neals Land, by the fence parting [**76**] between Benja^{n} and Joseph Neal's aforesaid, and then to come out into the Country Road about Eight feet To the Northward of the Nine mile stake (or stone) as it now stands, The Whole of the way to be of one Rode and a half in Weidth.

February 20th. 1740/41

Selectmen and Com^{ttee}
- Joseph Crossbey
- Moses Belcher
- William Hunt
- Richard Thayer
- Joseph Gouch
- Thomas Crossbey.
- Joshua Hayward.

March $\frac{3}{10}$th. 1740.

This Returne Returned & Read in Town Meeting, and accepted as follows.

A Town Vote on Several Conditions March 10th. 1740. The names of the persons excused &c Voted, That this Report (vizt the Report above said) Be accepted and that it be put on Record in the Town Book, provided that Ephraim Thayer, Richard Faxon, Peter Marquand, Ebenezer Whitmarsh, James Penniman, Nathaniel Blancher, Samuel Blancher, Ephraim Hunt & Aaron Hayward &c Do make and Execute a good Deed of Release or Quit claim of the land (of one Rod and half wide) through their lands on which the above said way Goes (as and where it is laid as Discribed in

the above said Reporte) which said Deed of Release & Quit claim To be on condition that the said Town Continues the said way — Otherwise the said Land is To revert (and Return) to the Grantors — And also that they Do make within two years (or such longer space of time if the s^d town shall judge it, Needfull or think fit) a good way for a Loaden Cart to pass from the low grounds by the Round swamp in Ephraim Jones Land to the Town way in the Common going to aldridges farm, or the six hundred acres (so called) Provided also, That the persons heafter named — & here by obliged, To make said way (from the Low grounds in s^d Jones' Land until it comes to the way in the Town's Common Leading to Alderidges farm or the six hundred acres [77] aforesaid Be excused from the making or mending of any other ways within the Town for the space of Two years, (viz. Ephraim Thayer, Richard Faxon, Peter Marquand, Ebenezer Whitmarsh, James Penniman, Nathaniel Blancher, Samuel Blancher, Ephraim Hunt, & Aaron Hayward (that is to say all that are Included in said Quit claim or Deed of Release.

The Return or Reporte of ye Com^ttee &c And then proceeded to that of the affair between the Town & and Thomas French, and the Com^ttee appointed &c in the said affair, Reporting as follows vizt. their Return being Read In said meeting which was as Follows. We the subscribers Being chosen and appointed To make and establish a line between the Lands of Thomas French and the Towns Commons; did; on Jan^ry 26th. Currant, Finaly agree and conclude, That the said Line shall and Doth, Begin at the two Post^s standing Together, Near the Northerly corner of Seth Copeland's Land and so Running through the swamp, an Easterly course to a stake which we Drove down, eight Foot from a sappling Pine; Southard; and thence a streight Line to William French's Land. But the Swamp being so full of Bushes; we could not see from the said posts to the said stake; and it proving a very stormy day we were not able To make any Intermediate Bounds, but the two bounds above, mentioned; being Fixed, Intermediate bounds may be made at any time hereafter.

Braintree Jan^ry. 26th. 1740. (Signed) Joseph Crossbey, Ebenezer Thayer, David Bass, } Com^ttee

A True Entery of the origional att. Rich^d. Faxon Cler. } also, sig^ed Thomas French.

The Com^ttees Return confirmed or accepted ye same com^ttee continued See forward p. 78 The Question was then put whether the above s^d Report that has been now Read and the Settlement The s^d Com^ttee in behalf of the Town, has made, with the said Thomas French shall be accepted & Recorded, put to vote, and it passed in the affirmative. and then Voted that the same committee be continued and Impowered to make bounderies by heapes of stones, and otherwise as may be [78] necessary, and fully to compleat the same with said French.

Voted that a Com^ttee be chosen &c March 10th. 1740. The Com^ttee to Settle ye bounds chose & Reporte in case The choice of Town

Officers Renewed And then proceeded to chuse a Committee to Settle the bounds between the Towns Commons, and other Lands of the Town, and perticuler mens Lands. Voted that three men be chosen in the s^d^ affair, vizt. the said Com^ttee^ to consist of three in Number, and then Nominated and seperately Voted Capt Joseph Crossbey, Mr Ebenezer Thayer and (M^r^) Moses Belcher a Com^ttee^ in said affair, To Doe and settle as aforesaid, or in case, if Need be to Report to the Town as soon as may be How affairs are Curcomstanced in the s^d^ affair, and then on a motion, made to the meeting (by the Cler) Informing that by reason of Necessary Buisness, and bad travelling and stormy weather, Preventing, it has happened that the lists of those chosen to the respective offices in this Town for the year ensuing are not all given out to the Constables, as the Law directs, and then the Question was put whether all persons (as) chosen to the respective offices by the meeting on the second of this Instant March and continued to this Day by (two several Adjournments, be continued (and said choice now Rattified and again confirmed) and said Lists Perfected and given out to the Constables as from This Day put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative.

See Back p. 77 It was also Voted, That the Com^ttee^ above said p. 77 continued to settle the Boundiaries with the said Thomas French aforesaid allso Lett out the Remaning part of the Towns Swamp adjoyning to s^d^ French's afores^d^ for a tearm of time at their Discresion, for the clearing and Fenceing for Improvement &c and then to be delivered up to the s^d^ Town again.

1741 May 20th.

Representative The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning Pursuant to the precept for the choice of a Representative, The Meeting being opened, they then proceeded to chuse a Representative (having first Voted to chuse but one at this time) and the Votes Being Collected and examined it appeared that (Capt.) William Hunt was chosen by the Majority of the Voters.

1741 May 20th. The other meeting. on the same Day the Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the s^d^ Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning [79] to Transact such affaires of the Town the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants, were as follows.

First, To consider of Raising money for the Defreying the Town charges.

Secondly, To consider of Chusing a Constable (for the North precinct).

Thirdly, To consider of Chusing one Surveyor for high wayes.

Fourthly, To consider of Two Schools being kept in the said Town for This present year (viz. one in the North & one in ye Middle precinct)

Fifthly, To consider of the South precincts Drawing a part of the School money as they have Done &c

Sixthly, To consider and Direct the Treasurer Repecting those bonds In the Treasury that are not Discharged annually as also some demands on the Treasury Respecting Bonds, and also some orders, and also some old accompts.

Seventhly, To consider if anything further may be necessary to be Done Respecting the passage of the Fish up Manatiquod River, especially at M^{r}. Bowditches &c.

Eighthly, To consider of the Reports of any of the Towns Committee &c.

Ninethly, To consider of the Determining where the Town meetings Shall be kept for the future.

Tenthly To consider of the request of sundry persons, viz. Whether The Town Rate shall be paid in Land Bank Notes for the year ensuing and also whether the Town will agree to advise the Selectmen to approbate noe more Taverns then is realy needful.

Moderator adjourned And then proceeded and chose Co^{ll}. John Quincy Moderator &c and the Moderator with the consent of the Meeting adjourned the meeting for half an hour &c.

Voted. y^{t} Two Schools be kept The meeting being again assembled, or mett, they then proceeded to that of Schools, and the Question was put whether two Schools be kept in this Town for the Present year, viz. one in the North, and one the Middle precinct, put to vote and it passed In the affirmative, and then,

£160. Tax, £160. Voted, that one Hundred and sixty pounds be assessed on the Pols and Estats of the Inhabitants of This Town Towards Defreying the Town charges &c this year &c

Moses Belcher Sec^{dus} chose or accepted Const^{ble}. 1741 May 20th. And then proceeded to that of Chusing a Constable, and then on a motion made by M^{r}. Moses Belcher Secun^{dus} to the Meeting that altho he had when chose to the office on March second last past. But [80] now Determines to serve in said office the Question was then put s^{d} Meeting Whether M^{r}. Moses Belcher Secun^{dus} shall be one of the Constables of this Town, for the year, and it passed In the affirmative.

Jonathan Baxter chosen Survey^{r} of Highways And then proceeded to that of Chusing a Surveyor of Highwayes and Jonathan Baxter, being nominated was chosen to the said office

South precinct allowed to Draw a part of ye School money. And then proceeded to that of the South precincts drawing a proportionable part of the money paid to the two schools, vizt that kept in the North and also that kept In the Middle precincts, it being Debated, and then Put to vote passed in the affirmative.

Voted a Com^{ttee} To see that a passage be made for ye Fish &c And then proceeded to Chuse a Committee to see that a convenient passage be made for the Fish in M^{r}. Bowditches Dam viz. Mill Dam now broken &c. That is to say that the Committee hereafter named in behalf of this Town see that a convenient passage be made by a sluce or Sluces, Through said Dam, if, or when the same shall be erected again, put to Vote, and It passed in the affirmative. And then nominated and seperately Voted and Chose Caleb Hobart, William Wild and Thomas Allen be a Com^{ttee} to

perform in the affair of seeing that a passage be made as afores^{d}, &c.

A negative vote on ye proposal of Town meetings being kept in ye South precinct. And then proceeded to Determine where the Town meetings shall be kept for the future, and after some Debate, it was propounded and put to vote whether the Town Meetings shall be sometimes kept or conven^{ed} in the South precinct, put to vote as aforesaid and passed in the Negative, and then a Vote was propounded whether the Town meetings shall for the future be alternatly kept in the North and Middle precincts, put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative

[81] 1741, May 20th.

Voted that the Town Rate be paid in Land Bank Notes And then proceeded to that of paying in the Town Rate Into the Treasury in Land Bank Notes, and after some Debate the Question was put whether the Town Rate shall be paid in Land Bank Notes as afores^{d}, put to vote and passed in the affirmative.

The s^{d} Com^{ttee} Reported that they had treated perticularly with Mr^{s} Mills & Webb And then proceeded to here the Reporte that any of the Towns Committees had to offer, Capt Jos Crossbey and M^{r}. Moses Belcher Two of the Com^{ttee} to look after and reporte about Incroachments &c then Reported that they had Treated with some of those supposed to have taken or got in some of the Town's Land within fence but they did not seem willing to resine it, and after some Debate thereon, refer^{ed} the further consideration thereof to the next meeting vizt Town meeting.

The Com^{ttees} Return of Letting out apiece of the Towns Common being accounted to contain about six acres is as follows —

The Com^{ttee} Return Read and accepted We the subscribers being Impowered and Directed to Let out a Certain piece of the Towns Swamp; adjoining to a piece of swamp belonging to Thomas French, upon the best terms we could for the Interests of the Town, Did on Monday the twenty seventh day of April Last past, Lett the said piece of swamp (containing as we suppose about six acres) unto Isaac Newcomb for and During the Term of fifteen years From the Date thereof, by a good Indenture of Lease under our hands and seals; and in Seperating the said piece of swamp from the rest, of the Towns Commons; To Shorten The Charge of fencing, We run the lines over some small points of upland belonging to the commons: and one or two (Nooks of swamp) we left out to the commons, and have Bounded out the same: by meet bounds which will fully appear by refering to the Counter part of the above said Lease, which is herewith presented to the Town for their Approbation and acceptance, the method we took in Letting out the said Swamp. was (after we had given Timely notice thereof by posting up a notification) by appointing a time at M^{r}. Seth Copelands house, that any of the Inhabitants of this Town might have oppertunity to Bid upon it, and when we had so done, It fell to Mr Isaac Newcomb as above said as the highest bidder.

All which is Submitted
By
A true Entery of the originall Coppy or Return } Joseph Crossby, Ebenez^r Thayer, David Bass, } Com^ttee
Att. Rich^d. Faxon, Town Cle^r.

[82] 1741, June 29th.

A, Representative Chose. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning, Pursuant to a precept for the Chusing of a Representative, the meeting being opened they then proceeded To s^d choice, after having Voted to chuse but one to sarve in s^d Service for this time, and then the votes being Collected and examined it appeared that Capt William Hunt, was chosen by the major part of the voters present.

1741, June 29th. Warrants.

Also another meeting being on s^d. Day being appointed, and Legally warned, and being assembled vizt. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of said Town, vizt Qualified for voting in Town affaires and being assembled as afores^d. for the Transacting such affairs of the Town, The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows.

First, To consider and Determine the matters relating to the Bonds payable to the Treasury.

Secondly, To consider that of some ord^rs &c returnable thereto.

Thirdly, To consider of that of the accompts of sundry persons that are not settled, vizt. as Represented.

Fourthly, To consider, of Making up accompts with, and of the allowance to the Treasurer and Clerk.

Fifthly, To consider of releasing the money coming to the Town as charges, (perticularly that recovered of Micah Allen, and Benja Thayer as the Towns part of the fine for their selling (strong) drink, w^c case was try^d at Boston before Justice Hall and others &c (w^c fine is supposed as yet To be under the hands of s^d Justices (or the Kings attorney)

Having first vote^d. to chuse by hand &c Moderator, Chose. The meeting being opened they proceeded and chose Capt Joseph Crossby Moderator.

The Town's part of ye fine remitt^d To Allen & Thay^r Mr. Holbrook chose to finish at Boston on ye Town part And then proceeded to that of the fine lately recovered of Micah Allen & Benjamin Thayer &c for selling (strong) drink on May 20th. last past, vizt. to consider whether the Towns part shall be remitted to them the said Micah Allen and Benja^n Thayer, afores^d. put to vote and it passed in the affirmative. and then Voted, also that M^r. Jno Holbrook Do take care to Inform &c. & to take up the Note Lodg^ed at Boston on the acct. aforesaid viz. fine, and on the Towns Behalf to finish s^d affair.

A Com^ttee chosen to settle acct^s w^t ye Treasurer And then seperately Voted, Co^ll. John Quincy Capt Peter Adams & Capt Jos.

Crossby, by a Com^{ttee} to settle accompts w^{t} the Town Treasurer and to make Report &c.

[83] 1741 October 5th.

Moderator. Warrants. The matter of Bonds Dismist. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning proceeded and chose Capt Jos. Crossbey Esqr. Moderator, and then proceeded to consider the perticulars Inserted in the warrants which were as follows, vizt. First, &c Sec^{ly}. To consider of & to Determine concerning the Bonds in the Treasure vizt. (those for Rent &c) & also all other Bonds to the Treasure &c & to consider of any acc^{ts} or ord^{rs} yet unsettled, as represented to the Treasurer, and then proceeded to that of the Bonds, Debated, Thereon (passed over without voting thereon.

Voted that the ord^{rs} be examined and adjust^{d}. by ye Com & Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of the orders and after some Debate thereon, Voted, that the orders in the hands of Christopher Dyer or others Drawn by (M^{r}.) Benja^{n} Webb the or a former Treasurer Be examined and adjusted by the Com^{ttee} Last chose to settle acc^{ts} with the Treasurer, and the Treasurer &c that is to say the com^{ttee} vizt Co^{ll} John Quincy Esq. Capt Peter Adams & Capt. Jos. Crossbey, Last chose, vizt on June 29th. 1741, to settle acct^{s} with the Treasurer, Be a Com^{ttee} with the Treasurer to examine and adjust any orders Drawn by Mr. Benjamin Webb, A former Treasurer in whose hands soever said orders may (be and) that were not perticularly Settled for in his time with the persons Drawn on, vizt. while he the s^{d} Webb was in s^{d} office of Treasurer for the Town of Braintree.

The Anniversary Town meeting for the Choice of Town Officers, for the year, 1742.

1741, March 1st.

1741, March 1st. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning for the choice of Town Officers and for the Transacting such affairs of the Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants were as follows.

Warrants. First To chuse all such Town Officers as By the Laws of this province are Directed to be chosen &c

Secondly, To consider if any allowance shall be made for Bulls and Boars for this year.

Thirdly, To here the Reporte of the Town Committees and to Determine thereon as occasion may be.

[84] 1741 March 1st.

Moderator The meeting being opened they then proceeded, and after having Determined vizt. by vote to chuse a Moderator by written votes, proceeded and chose Mr Joseph Gouch Moderator.

Clerk And then proceeded and chose Richard Faxon Town Clerk.

Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of Town Treasurer and Chose Richard Faxon to s^{d} office, having previously Determined to chuse a Treasurer by hand vote.

A vote to state the chusing Selectmen Selectmen. And then proceeded to that of Selectmen, & then voted, that two Selectmen be chose in the North precinct, and two in the Middle, and one in the South Precinct, and then proceeded for chusing and chose in the North precinct Mr. Joseph Gouch, & Moses Belcher (sen^{r}.) and in the Middle pre^{t}. chose (Ser^{t}) Richard Thayer, and M^{r}. John Holbrook, and in the South precinct, Dea. Thomas Wales.

Ebenezer Newcomb gave his note for £5 — on March 8th of ye old tenor Constables. March 16th C. Hob^{t}. gave a note fr £5 — old tenor March 16th Ezec. Crane p^{d} his £5 — old tenor And then proceeded to of Constables and chose Richard Brackett, who refused to serve, and also chose Ebenez^{r}. Newcomb who also refu^{sd} to serve & then chose Joseph White who desired sometime of consideration and then proceeded and chose Caleb Hobart who refus^{sd}. to serve, and then chose Ezechiel Crane who also refused to serve.

Surveyors of highways And then proceeded to that of Surveyors of Highways and chose Joseph Neal, David Bass, Stephen Cleverly, Sam^{ll}. Penniman, Sam^{ll}. White jun^{r}. Caleb Hobart, Nathaniel Blancher, James Thayer, Jno. Hayden, Jno. Clark & Sam^{ll}. Pain.

Surveyors of Timber And then proceeded to that of Surveyor of Timber &c & chose Ebenez^{r}. Field & Ebenezer Newcomb.

Sealers of Leather And then proceeded to that of Sealers of Leather & chose Aaron Hayward and John Capen.

Fence-viewers And then proceed^{d} to that of fence Viewers & chose Joseph Neal, Sec^{dus} James Brackett, Jno Curtis, David Holbrook, Willm. Wild, Joseph Hayward and Samuel Clark.

Tythingmen And then proceeded to that of Tything men and chose, Jno. Hains Christopher Webb, Samuel French, Willm. Bowditch, Jonathan Hayden, & Ebenezer Copeland.

County Treasurer Before this last the Votes were brought in for a County Treasurer, sealed up &c.

Hogreives — And then went upon y^{t} of hogreives & chose Willson Marsh, Benja^{n} Ruggles, Benja^{n} White, Samuel Blancher, Thomas Fenton Junr. & Christopher Hayden.

[85] 1741 March 1st.

Mr Jo^{s} Wales & Seth Porter chose to see ye act about Deer prosecuted &c And then went upon that of choosing men To prosecute all Breaches of the act Relating to Deer, as occasion may be, and then chose Ensign Joseph Wales and Seth Porter be in the said affair of the deer, and to see the due observance thereof.

No premium on Bulls & Boars. And then proceeded upon that of a consideration for Bulls and boars, and after some considera-

tion a vote was put whether any allowance shall be made for bulls or boars for the ensuing year, and it passed in the Negative.

1742, May 10th.

Representative. Pursuant to a precept To the Selectmen &c. The Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Being assembled on Legal Warning for the choice of a Representative, The meeting being opened they then proceeded and chose Mr. Joseph Gooch vizt. So Declared by the Selectmen or some one of them.

Warrants On the Day abovesd The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being also Legaly warned to assemble at twelve of the clock at noon, To Transact such affairs of the Town the perticulars wherof as they were Inserted In the Warrants were as follows vizt. First &c. Secondly, To raise money to Defrey (the Town Charges. Thirdly, to chuse Constables Fourthly, To consider (Whether) or what they shall be allowed, viz. the Constables for their services. Fifthly, To consider and chuse a Committee to take care of the Fish, or any other matter. Sixthly, To consider whether Joseph Owen shall be allowed To thro up his Lease of the School Lands & to except an other in his room. Seventhly, To consider (also if the Widow Hannah Thayer shall thro up her lease of sd School Lands & Clear her of her obligations. Eighthly To consider if ye Town will allow the Comttee that was chose to take care of Incroachments on any of the Towns Interests: money to prosecute those persons that will not resign the same. Ninthly, To consider (whether) or) if the Town will allow to John Webb Twenty four shillings and three pence &c

Moderator chose. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified for voting In Town affaires, Being assembled proceeded and chose Joseph Crossbey Esqr. Moderatr for said meeting, and,

charges. A tax of £250 — Then proceeded to that of Raising Money to Defrey Town charges

[86] £250 — Voted, That a Tax of Two Hundred and fifty Pounds Be assessed on the Pols and Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town, to defrey ye sd Town charges as far the said sum will goe towards ye same.

Constables allowed upon making up &c

Nathll. acceptd. & sworn in ye room of Jos White &c Voted, That those that shall serve this Town in the office of Constables shall have five pounds each of them allowed out of the Treasury (Viz. upon their making up, and discharging all such assessments as shall Duely be Committed to them (vizt five pouds old tenor and then proceeded to the Chusing of Constables, and Joseph White who was chose to the office of Constable at ye Last Town meeting in March being then allowed some time of consideration appeared and signified to the Town that he had agreed with Nathll. French to serve in his room Sd French being also present. A vote was then put whether Nathaniel French shall be accepted and serve this Town for this year in the room of Joseph White aforesd and

also Be Intitled to five pounds as aforesd on his making up and Discharging all such assessments or Taxs as shall Be Comtted unto him, put to vote, and it passed in the affirmative.

Lt Hunt & Vinton & Haydn. Added to ye Comttee. about Fish ye two perticulars about leased lands Dismist &c And then proceeded to that of the Fish, and after some Debate Voted, that Lt Jna Hunt, Samll. Vinton, and Jonath Hayden Be added to the Comttee already chose, or heretofore Chose in that affair, and to assist the sd former Comttee and act with them in the affair, as ye sd former Comttee was Directed &c. they being all seperately, Voted to sd office.

Pennn & Baxter Chose Constble But see ye next page Baxter released. And then proceeded again to the choice of more Constables. The votes being collected, examined, it appeared that Willm. Penniman, & Benjan Baxter was chosen, but a motn Being (there made on sd Baxter's behalf that he had lately served as Juryman on a Superior Courts, by reconsidn Thereof Voted, that he be released from the service of a Constable, for this year, and sd Penniman not being there his mind could not be known.

An Allowance To ye Comttee Granted in case &c And then past to that of an allowance to the Comttee &c. and the Question was put whether the Select men if need be should give ordrs (to ye Comttee chose to take care of the Towns Interests, To draw money out of the Treasury as necessity shall call for in the said affair, if they must prosecute in the Law &c. provided the sd Comttee give a just acct of their proceedings, put to vote and passed in ye affirmative.

[87] 1742 May 10th.

affire Twenty four Shillings & three pence allowed to John Webb on one Coles rate And then went upon that of a consideration to John Webb a late Constable on accompt of the sum of twenty four shillings & three Pence, assest upon one — Cole, in his List, Which sd sum the sd Webb saith he had not oppertunity before ye sd Coles removll out of Town, To Collect, Voted, in ye affirmative that the said John Webb be allowed, To draw Twenty four Shillings and three pence out of the Town Treasury on the acct of sd Coles assessment.

Benja Ruggles, Chose Constable And then proceeded again to the choice of a Constable, and the votes being Collected and examined it appeared that Benjamin Ruggles, was chosen to the sd office (of Constable, but he not yn Being there his mind Could not be known.

ye meeting adjourned And then ye Moderator with the consent of the Meeting, Adjournd. the meeting to monday the seventeenth day of this Instant, May at three of the clock in the afternoon, at the same place, vizt at the Stone meeting House in the North precinct, vizt. for ye completing ye affair's mentioned in ye Warrants.

1742 May 17th.

Adjournment. Benjan Ruggles Dismissed. Wm. Pennn & Jno

Beal chose Const^{e}. Wm Penniman p^{d}. 5£ ℔ by his brother Jos. Mr Beal released f^{m} ye Service John Spear chose Constable. 1742 June 28th. gave his note for £5 — old tenor The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from the tenth of this Instant, May, and they then proceeded to the affair of Constables, For, or on acc^{t} of which the meeting was adjourned to This day, and after the reports made by Constable Nath^{ll}. French and others and Debated on &c. they proceeded and on a motion then made, and for the reasons offered Voted, That Benja^{n} Ruggles be released from serving as a Constable for this Town for this year, (to which office he was chosen on ye tenth of this Instant May. And then proceeding again to the choice of more Constables, and after the votes were Collected and examined, it appeared that William Penniman and John Beal Senr. were chose, but neither of them being there their minds could not be known, But on a motion made by sundry persons there, that the s^{d}. Jno Beal had heretofore been chose to said office & that it has not as yet been (usual for men to serve twice In said office. Voted, that the said M^{r}. Jno Beal be released from The service and then proceeded and they then chose John Spear Senr. he not being there his mind could not be known.

And Joseph Owen applied to ye meeting to consider of his application mentioned in ye warrants, and after some Debate, Stephen Cleverly, &c appearing to undertake in whole or in part to fullfil said Owen's obligations to ye Town vizt. respecting ye School Lands, Voted, that if the s^{d} Stephen Cleverly (and others) Give sufficient security to ye Town therefor, that He be accepted, Provided the affair be fairly & Justly managed with safty to the Town.

[89] 1742 July 1st.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning for the Transacting such affaires of the said Town, the perticulars whereof, as they were Inserted in the Warrants for calling of this meeting were as follows.

First, To chuse Constables. Secondly To see if the Town Lett the Town Common, or any part thereof, or consider of any way or means whereby it may be made more beneficial to the Town. Thirdly, To hear the Report of any Committee. Fourthly, To see if the Town will abate Moses Belcher Constable any part of the tax Committed to him to assess.

Moderator. (The meeting being opened) They then proceeded and chose Ephraim Thayer Moderator.

The Com^{ttees}. Report Read and accepted &c See ye Report entered at large at ye end of this meeting page 90 And then on a motion made to The meeting that as the Town had sundry times chose a Com^{ttee} to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer, and inasmuch as the Reporte of the Com^{ttee} Last Chose in that affair was offered at the Last Town Meeting (but being put off at that time because of an objection that it was not mentioned in the warrants for calling of that meeting) that therefore it might Be the First that might come into consideration at this, Least it might so happen, that

the other perticulars should take up the time, so as to occas^{n} its being put off yet further — the meeting then proceeded to consider of the Reporte of the Com^{ttee} chose to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer.

The Treasurer Faxon so farr Discharged &c. The Report of Jno. Quincy & Jos. Crossbey Esq^{rs}. & Dea. Peter Adams being the Com^{ttee} Last chose to settle acct^{s}. with Richard Faxon Treasurer of this Town being Read at Large in s^{d} meeting (now convened &c) the Moderator then put the Question whether the Reporte (Dated May seventh, seventeen hundred Forty and Two, and, signed by the said Jno. Quincy &c. as above s^{d}, be accepted, and the s^{d} Richard Faxon Treasurer so farr fully Discharged in his trust in that affair, Put to vote and past in the affirmative. See the same, viz. the Com^{ttees} Report on page 90th.

[90] 1742 July 1st

Sam^{ll} Pen^{n} chose Constable but also released Alexand^{r} Marsh chose Constable after p^{d} £5 old tenor And the Meeting then proceed to that of Chusing Constables, and after the Votes were Collected and examined It appeared that Sam^{ll} Penniman was chosen &c. But on motion made by s^{d} Pen^{n} & for the reasons offered, was then released for the present year, and then proceeded and Chose Alexander Marsh, to the office of Constable, he not being there his mind could not be known.

That of ye Com^{on} Dismist at pre^{t}. And then proceeded to that of the Town's Com^{on}, and after some Debate Dismist it, vizt. at present.

Belcher's request allowed &c &c And proceeded to that of Moses Belchers request, and after the same was Debated, A vote was put whether Moses Belcher Sec^{dus} a late Constable should be allowed Twenty five Shillings old tenor (on the acc^{t}. of Edmond Willson and Robert Lamont) vizt. s^{d} Belcher to be allowed the above s^{d} sum out of the Town Treasury on their sum or sums assessed to him.

The meeting adjourned And then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned the meet — to Monday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant July at five of the clock in the afternoon, at the Meeting house in the Middle precinct.

The Com^{ttees} Reporte & s^{d} Faxon so far fully, Discharged We the Subscribers a Committee appointed to settle acc^{ts} with Richard Faxon Treasurer of the Town of Braintree having carefully examined the said accompts, find that since the sixteenth of May Anno Dom. Seventeen Hundred and Thirty seven the time When he took upon him the office of Treasurer; he Has charged himself (Inclusive of the Balance of the Former Treasurers acc^{ts}.) with the sum of Two Thous^{d}. sixty six pounds, Seventeen Shillings & one Peney; and has Discharged himself of the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and ten pounds, three Shillings & four Pence; by the payment of Ord^{rs}. Drawn upon him by y^{e} Selectmen which s^{d} Sum of £1810 = 03 = 04 being Deducted from the sum of £2066 = 17 = 01 there Remains due to

the Town £256 = 13 = 09 for which the Treasurer M^{r}. Richard Faxon, is further to be accountable To the Town.

May 7th. 1742. Signed Jno Quincy, Peter Adams, Jos. Crossbey } Com^{ttee}

1742 July 1st. The above Reporte Read In the Town Meeting and accepted

Richard Faxon Town Clerk

[91] 1742, July 19th.

Benja^{n} Owen & Edwd Faxon chose — July 24, Ew^{d}. Faxon gave in his note for 5£ old tenor Benja^{n} Owen Released The Freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town affairs, Being assembled by adjournment from the first of this Instant, July (after the opening of the meeting) Proceeded to the choice of Constables (ye others chosen Before &c Refusing to serve in the s^{d} office) and after the votes were Collected and examined it appeared that Benja^{n} Owen and Edward Faxon, were chosen to s^{d} office. But on a motion made in s^{d} Meeting in behalf of s^{d} Owen and for the reasons offered, Voted that the s^{d} Benja^{n} Owen Be released from said sarvice for the present year, and said Faxon not being there his mind could not be known. and then proceeded to the choice of one more and after the votes were Collected & examined it appeared that Gregory Baxter was chosen he also not being there his mind could not be known, and then the meeting was dismist.

1742, July 26th.

Mod^{r}. vizt. whether they will insist on it The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal Warning & after the opening said meeting proceeded and chose Co^{ll}. John Quincy Esqr. Mod^{r}. the Perticulars in the Warrants Being as follows. First To consider of Choosing such number of Constables as shall Be necessary. Secondly, To Rece^{ve} the List or, Lists prepared by the Selectmen to be put in a box or boxes Pursuant to a Late Law of this Province for the Regular Appointment of Jurymen &c. Thirdly, To consider of chusing a Committee to make accompts with the Town Treasurer. Fourthly, To consider whether the fine for Refusing to serve Constable, shall be lawfull money.

The Lists Read &c And then Proceeded, and then the Lists prepared by the Selectmen being Read the Moderator put the vote whether the Lists Now Read respecting Jurymen be accepted, and It passed in the affirmative.

[92] 1742 July 26th

A. Com^{ttee} chose And then Voted, that a Com^{ttee} be now Chosen Pursuant to the Selecting a Quarter Part of the Number Named, in the lists now Read to be Put into a Seperate Box, vizt. Tickets according to the Direction in the Law, vizt page 759,) and then Voted that Major Jos. Crossbey Esqr. together, with the Selectmen now here Present vizt. Messrs Richard Thayer, Moses Belcher, and Dea. Thom^{s} Wales, be a Com^{ttee} in the s^{d} affair

Gregory Baxter allowed Ten pounds &c provided And then proceeded to that of Constables, and Gregory Baxter who was chose at the Last Town Meeting being Now present and Made a Motion to the Meeting, for an allowance of ten pounds in case he should serve in ye office of Const^{bl}. and after Some Debate thereon, Voted that as the Town had at the Meeting in May last &c. Voted, that Each Constable be allowed five pounds old Tenor: vizt That s^{d}. Gregory Baxter be allowed five Pounds More old Tenor, That is to say ten Pounds in all of the s^{d} old tenor, Provided he takes the oath of a Constable and performs in making up acc^{ts} as it is Conditioned in the vote made about the allowance of the five pounds on last March as aforesaid &c.

Constables Obligations to be returned And then Proceeded to that of the Constables fines, and after some Debate Voted, that those persons that have been chosen to the office of Constables, and Have not taken the oath, be excused for this year and have their obligations Returned.

A Com^{ttee} to make up acc^{ts} with ye Town Treasurer, To Report at March — And then Voted, that a Com^{ttee} Be Chose to make up acc^{ts} with the Town Treasurer, and then Nom^{td} and Seperately Voted ye hon^{ble} Jno Quincy Esqr. Jos. Crossbey Esqr. & M^{r}. Eben^{r} Thayer a Com^{ttee} in that affair, they to make Report at the next March Meeting.

Jos. French Chose Const^{bl}. Octob^{r}. 5th. p^{d}. £5 — Old Tenor. John Hayw^{d} Chose Const^{ble} And then proceeded to Chuse an other Const^{bl} and after the votes were Collected and examined, it appeared that Josiah French was chose, he being there Refused to serve, and then on a Motion made By, Jno. Hayw^{d} & Debated upon — Voted, That John Hayward be one of the Const^{bls} for the Town of Braintree, and also be allowed out of the Treasur^{y} ten pounds old Tenor, one the same conditions as Baxter's afores^{d} was or is and at s^{d} Haywards request Vot^{ed} y^{t} Seth Copel^{d}. be accept^{d} in his Room provided he take the oath &c.

[93] 1742 Aug. 11th.

Moderator Chose The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning For the Transacting such affairs of the Town, the Perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as, Follows. First, To Give in their Valuations of their Rateable Estat's vizt (Real) Personal & Poles. Secondly, To Chuse a Constable or Constables as necessity, or as may be necessary. Thirdly, To consider what is proper farther to be done relating to the allowance to them for this present year. Fourthly, To consider whether the Town will allow any sum to any person that will take a child of Jno Groves. Fifthly, To consider farther of Directing the Town Treasurer, about the obligations, allready taken, or that may yet be taken Into the Treasury on the account of any persons refusing to take ye Constables oath when chosen to s^{d} office by s^{d} Town as the Law Directs, Or any thing Else relat-

ing to that affair The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled, Proceeded and chose Co^{ll} Joseph Gooch Mod^{r}

Voted Baxter & Haywar^{d}. ten pounds each old tenor &c vizt not to be a presedent Voted, That whereas at a meeting of the Qualified Inhabitants July 26th. 1742 (It being then agreed and Voted at said meeeting That Gregory Baxter and John Hayward who were then chose Constables should have ten pounds Old tenor Each, as a premium In consideration of their serving in manner as agreed at May Meet-ing Last, Which proceeding being apprehended by the Town To be of ill consequence and (Not Legal, but in as much as said Baxter and Hayward took their oaths in consequence of said Premium, and therefore must serve in said office, therefor Voted, that said Baxter and Hayward have allowed them The sum of ten pounds Each Old tenor on the conditions it was Voted them wch is not for the future to be pleaded for as presedent.

Groves Child To be Disposed &c. Voted, That the affair of Jno Groves Child be left to the Selectmen to dispose of s^{d} Child in some good famaly for some small sum (or otherwise as they shall think best.

ye vote about ye Constables obligations to be reconsidered ye obligations continued £5 old tenor To discharge em Voted, that the Vote Respecting Returning ye obligations to those persons at sundry meetings Chose to the office of Const^{bl}. and that refused to take the oath &c. as voted at the meeting on July Twenty sixth, seventeen Hund^{d}. forty two (be reconsidered) Voted, those persons chose to the office of Constables this year as affore s^{d}. vizt that have not taken oath in that affair, whether their obligations be continued, and five pounds each, In ye old Tenor be accepted by ye Town Treasur^{r} in Discharge of each of them, and It passed in ye affirmative.

[94] Anno. Dom 1742.

The Anniversary Town Meeting For the Choice of Town officers for the year, Seventeen hundred, Forty and three &c.

1742, March 7th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning, for ye choice of Town officers, and such other affairs of s^{d} Town ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants, were as Follows. — after a Moderat^{r} chosen. First, To chuse all such Town Officers as the Laws of this Province Directs to be chosen on ye annual Meeting in March &c Secondly, To Choose a County Treasurer. Thirdly, To if any number of persons shall have any Incouriagment to keep bulls and boars for the use of the Town for ye prisent year. Fourthly, To hear and consider of ye Request of Doct^{r}. Henry Turner Relating to what he has done for Shove Mills Deceased. Fifthly, To Consider of an allowing of part of ye Money that ye School Lands Rent for, to the Inhabitants of the South Precinct towards their Providing a School amongst them as has been done For some time past. Sixthly, To consider of Laying out or allowing of town way From the Wey

that goes down to peases Chreek to Thomas Hollbrooks Land. Seventhly, To consider if ye Town will by themselves, or by a Com^{ttee} that by 'em shall be appointed: take into their consideration any affair of Christopher Dyers, (a Late Constable said Town, now under Difficulty, Respecting any assessment Committed to him to Collect, Or doe any thing to enable him to pay ye Same or doe any thing relating to said Dyers, Estate Now under Mortgage in Ord^{r} to Secure ye Towns Money in His hands: or consider of Constable Frenches Request on said Dyers Rates to him &c. Eighthly, To hear ye Report or Reports of any of Town's Committees that [95] may then be offered, and to act as shall be thought proper.

Moderator Town Clerk — And Being assembled as afore s^{d} proceeded & Voted, Dea. William Hunt Moderator & y^{n} also proceeded & Voted, Richard Faxon Clerke

Selectmen. And then proceeded to that of Selectmen and Voted, that there be but three Selectmen to Serve the Town for this year &c and after ye votes were Collected & examined it appeared that Lieu^{t} John Adams, Dea: William Hunt & Ebenezer Copeland, were chosen.

The Town's Committees Report Read and accepted and ye s^{d} Treasurer so far fully Discharged And then proceeded to that of hering the Report of The Committee that were appointed at ye Town Meeting on ye 26th. of July Last past, two of said Committee being there the s^{d} Report being then Read which was as follows.

Com^{ttees} Report We the Subscriber^{s} a Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town of Braintree at their Meeting on ye twenty sixth of July Last, to make up acc^{ts} with the Town Treasurer, Having attended that service and carefully examined ye s^{d} acc^{t} Find it Right Cast and well vouched by orders upon him from the Selectmen for the payment of the several articles therein Charged, And that since the Treasurer was Discharged in July last, We find that (inclusive of the Former Ballance of Two hundred and fifty six pounds, Thirteen Shillings and nine pence Due to the Town) he has charged himself with the sum of Two hundred and eighty nine pounds eight Shillings & four pence Old Tenor, and has Discharged himself by his [96] several payments made by Orders of the sum of One Hundred Fifty and Four Pounds, Eighteen Shillings and six pence, which being Deducted from ye said sum of Two hundred Eighty nine Pounds, Eight Shillings and four pence, There remains the sum of one Hundred & Thirty four pounds nine Shillings and ten pence, Old Tenor, being Ballance Due to the Town, for which the Committee are of opinion The Treasurer is to be further accountable, and that, he be Discharged accordingly.

Braintree Feb^{ry}. 14th. 1742. Signed, { John Quincy, Joseph Crossbey, Ebenez^{r}. Thayer } Com^{tee}

1742 March 7th.

The above Report Read in s^{d} Meeting & then the Moderator put the Question whether the Report (above s^{d}) now Read be accepted, and the Treasurer, vizt Richard Faxon be so far fully

Discharged, put to Vote & it passed in the affirmative, (he being acc^{ble} for mentioned in s^{d}. report.

A True Entery of the Originall Report: and Vote Att. Richard Faxon Town Cler.

And then proceeded and Voted Richard Faxon Town Treasurer. & y^{n} Voted Benja^{n}. Ruggles Joseph Tower & M^{r}. Joshua Hayw^{d} vizt. the votes Collect^{d} and exam^{ed}, it so appeared

(Constables but on Motion made in s^{d} meeting Jos. Tower was released, From serving for the year ensuing, and then proceeded to ye choice of an other Const^{bl} and after ye Votes were Collected and examined it appeared that Jno. Thomas was chosen to said office, neither of those chosen to s^{d} office being there, their minds could not be known (as to Serving &c)

the rest carried along &c.

[97] 1742, March 7th &c.

And then proceeded and nominated seperately, Voted the Following persons to the Respective offices &c.

Surveyers of Highways in North part or Precinct. Seth Bass, Nathaniel Belcher, John Marsh Junr. Middle part or precinct Jonathan Wild, Ebenez^{r}. Whitmarsh, Seth Copeland Nehemiah Hayden. South part or precinct, Thomas Thayer, John Hayden & Thomas French Sec^{dus}

Surveyers of Timber, plank & Shingle &c Thomas Vinton Joseph Neal.

Sealers of Leather, Micajah Allen & Aaron Hayward.

Fence Viewers, Lt Thom^{s}. Crossbey, Jno Ruggles, W^{m}. Bowditch, Moses French, Napth^{l}. Thayer, Jer^{h}. Thayer.

Tythingmen, Sam^{ll}. Ruggles, Sam^{ll}. Hayw^{d}, Junr. Eliash^{b}. Faxon, Thomas Allen, Deering Spear, & Joseph Thayer.

Hogreives, Moses Brackett, Sam^{ll}. Belcher, Christoph^{r}. Thayer, Ephr^{m}. Jones jun^{r}. Jonath^{n} Porter, Jno. Spear Ter^{us}.

ye Meeting adjourned And then the Moderator, with the consent of the Meeting adjourned ye same to Thursday the seventeenth of this Instant March &c at one of the Clock, in the afternoon.

March 17th.

Voted Thom^{s}. Thayer Surveyor of Highways &c The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants Being mett by adjournment from ye seventh of this Instant, March they then proceeded & on a reporte to said Meeting that Thomas Thayer, who was one of those chosen to the office of Surveyer of Highways, was kept In the List to ye Constables, was then voted again chose To said office of Surveyer of Highwayes &c.

[98] 1742, March 17th.

A Com^{ttee} chose in ye affair of Doct^{r}. Turner &c And then proceeded to consider of ye Demands of Doct^{r}. Henry Turner, and after some Debate and Inquiry made in that affair &c. Voted, That a Committee be chose to examine into ye same and make Reporte

thereon &c. ye s^{d} Com^{ttee} that were then Chose to examine into the affair of what was offered relating to Doct^{r}. Turner^{s} acc^{t}. were Co^{ll}. Joseph Gooch, Lieut. John Hunt, Lieut. Richard Thayer, M^{r}. Moses Belch^{r}. & Dea^{n}. John Holbrook (being all seperately, Voted in &c.

School money allowed to ye South precinct for ye year past & ye ensuing year And then proceeded to that of the South pre^{ts} request &c. Voted, That ye South Precinct be allowed as usually heretofore apart of the School money towards providing a School amongst them, Provided it be laid out for that service &c.

Seven pounds old tenor in two Votes to be allowed to each Constable Voted, That five pounds Old Tenor be allowed to each of ye const^{bls} That shall serve the Town in said Office ye year ensuing, vizt und^{r} ye Same Regulations as heretofore, Provided in s^{d} affair, and some of said Meeting after some further Debate Thereon Made a motion that a Vote of forty shillings Old Tenor Premium might be Tryed for the further Incouriaging those that shall serve in s^{d} office the year ensuing. The Moderat^{r}. then Put ye Question whether Forty shillings Old Tenor shall be allowed and added to the five pounds above s^{d}. for ye further Incouriagment of those that shall Serve the Town in ye office of Constable for ye year ensuing (viz seven pounds old tenor to be allowed to each of ye Constables that shall serve the Town for ye ensuing year, at making up & Discharging themselves of all such assessments as shall be committed to them to Collect) put to Vote, and it passed in the affirmative.

A Com^{ttee} chose To examine ye affair Relating to Christopher Dyer a Late Constable &c And then proceeded to that refering to Christopher Dyer, and after some Debate Voted, that a Com^{ttee} Be Chose to examine into the affaires and to reporte Thereon, at May meeting, or as soon as may be, and then Nominated and seperately Voted, Lieut. Richard Thayer, M^{r}. Thomas Vinton & Capt. Ebenezer Thayer be a Committee in the said affair, they Being all nominated & Sepratly Voted thereto, &c

[99] A Town way laid out from ye way thro' ye Rev^{ed} Mr. Niles Farm to (Dea.) Sam^{ll}. Bass's on condition &c vizt if the s^{d} condition be performed We ye Subscribers being appointed a Com^{ttee} by ye Town of Braintree to view a way (as proposed) between ye land Belonging to ye Rev^{ed} Niles & Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll} Bass's land Which was Debated at our last May Meeting & upon our viewing ye same (the Circumstances of ye land considered) we Proceeded to appoint & Stake out ye Road as followeth, vizt. Beginning at ye South Westerly Corner of Sam^{ll} Nash's land, and thence Running near No-East about eight rods to a Small Hemlock Stump on ye south side of ye way. Thence Bearing Something more Eastward about twelve Rods, To a Pine tree on ye North side of ye Way. Thence Runing about eight Rods near East, to a stake, with Stones about it. Thence Running about five Rods baring to ye South East to a stake by Naighbour Nash's Rail fence. Thence Running near six Rods about South East to a stake on ye Hill near Neighb^{r} Nash's house, thence running near

East & by South about twenty rods to a rock, part of it being brok of, it being on ye North Side of ye Road, thence Runing near ye same Course about twelve Rods, to a post in Dea^n. Bass's Land — to ye North east corner of De Bass's fence with three neiks on ye North side of it, thence running on ye line between ye Rev^d. Mr. Niles land & Deacon Bass's Land and there to meet with ye Road that runs thro' M^r. Niles farm, Provided that Dea^n. Bass & the Neighbours above him Perform ye bargain att ye time Contracted (vizt.) that the way may be made passable for a team, before ye town is at any charge, and that they make seven eighths of ye fence on Sam^ll Nashes' Land against s^d road, at their own charge, and likewise give the Land for said way.

1743 March 5th. Accepted by ye Town on s^d. Conditions

The above s^d report in Town Meeting Read and Accepted Viz^t put to Vote past in ye affirmative — Signed, Joseph Gouch, Joseph Crossbey, Moses Belcher, Richard Faxon, } Com^ttee.

p^r Richard Faxon Town Cler.

[100] 1743 May 20th.

Representative. Pursuant to a Preciept Directed to ye Selectmen &c The Freeholders And other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being Assembled On Legal warning for ye choice of a Representative, The meeting being opened, they proceeded, and ye votes being Collected & sorted it appeared that Co^ll Joseph Gooch was chosen by the Majority of Voters, and then debated on ye afair of giving Instructions to ye Representative

Voted, That there be Instructions to our Representative, & then nominated & seperately Voted in the several persons here after named A, Com^ttee to Draw up said Instructions &c. vizt Co^ll Jno Quincy Maj^r. Jos. Crossbey, Richard Faxon, Capt Sam^ll Baxter, Capt Wm Hunt, Lt Moses Belcher, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Lt Jno Thayer, Capt. Thom^s. Wales, Lt Sam^ll Vinton Lt Jno Adams Ebeneze^r Copeland Elkanah Wales, Willm Bowditch, Ephraim Thayer Lt Nehemiah Hayden.

1743 May 20th.

(Also) The Freeholders & Other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town Affairs being (also) Assembled on Legal warning for ye Transacting such affairs of ye said Town of Braintree, ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants were as follows. And after a Moderator chosen, First, To Consid^r of Raising Money for Defreying ye necessary charges of said Town, for ye present year. Secondly, To Chuse a Constable or Constables if need be, and also to consider and Determine Whether will abate anything of ye Twenty pounds &c To such as refuse to serve. Thirdly, To consid^r and Determine on any affair Relating to the Town's Land or any person or persons adjoyning &c. Fourthly, To here & consider and Determine as they shall think Proper on any Reports of any of ye Town's Com^ttees in any afair Committed to their trust. Fifthly, To consid^r

& Determine on ye affair of ye Way Sometime since through the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Niles'^{s} Land towards The Island usually so called.

1743 May 20th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants being assembled on ye Day above s^{d} Proceeded & Chose Co^{ll} Jos. Gooch Moderat^{er}

a Com^{ttee} chose to view ye way through Mr Niles Farm towards ye Island more added to them And then proceed to that of a way through ye Rev^{ed} Mr Sam^{ll} Niles' [101] Farm &c. and after Some Debate on s^{d} affair of a way thro^{h} the same Voted, That a Com^{ttee} be chose to Look into & Consider ye same and to Reporte there on &c. and then Nominated and seperately Voted, Co^{ll} Jos. Gooch, Maj^{r} Jos Crossbey, Dea^{n}. Peter Adams, Dea^{n} William Hunt & Richard Faxon, be a Com^{ttee} in the said affair, and y^{n} on a motion made In s^{d} meeting that M^{r}. Benja^{n} Beal, & M^{r}. Moses Belcher Be added to ye above said Com^{ttee} put to vote, and it Passed in ye affirmative.

Gregory Baxter be accepted Const^{ble} And then proceeded to that of Constables, and proceeded with those Chosen at March Meeting Last past as follows.

Shedrack Thayer be accepted Jno Thomas Released &c That Gregory Baxter be accepted for one of ye Constables of The Town of Braintree in ye room of Benja^{n} Ruggles, and then Shedrack Thayer appearing offered to serve The Town in ye office of Constable for the present year, & y^{n} Voted, that s^{d} Shedrack Thayer be one of the Constables for The Present Year, and also, That John Thomas who was Chosen in March Last be Released from that service for ye present year, He being liable to serve the next

& y^{n} Voted Nath^{ll} French accepted Constable That Nathaniel French be accepted one of ye Constables of the Town of Braintree for the present year in ye Room of M^{r}. Joshua Hayward who was chose Last March.

& y^{n} Voted s^{d} Baxter Thayer & French to be intitled to ye premiums That the s^{d} Constables Now Accepted as afores^{d} vizt. Baxter, Thayer & French be all understood to be intitled To the Premium allowed as conditioned in ye Votes of The Town in their Meeting on March Last past.

250£ Tax to be assessed &c And then proceeded to that of Raising Money &c

£250 — Voted, That two Hundred & Fifty Pounds old tenor be assessed On ye poles and Estats of ye Inhabitants of s^{d} Town of Braintree towards Defreying the Necessary Charges of said Town as farr as ye s^{d} sum Will goe in that affair, & y^{n}

The Com^{ttees} Reports refered Over to ye next meeting &c Voted, That ye Reporte of ye Com^{ttee} Deputed to Inquire into any Incroachments on any of ye Towns Lands or Commons &c be refered to August or to ye next Town Meeting, for further consideration.

And also that of ye Com^{ttees} Report on Christopher Dyer's affair, then also to be further considered.

[102] Anno. Dom. 1743.
1743 June 27th.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal Warning, For the Transacting Such affairs of sd Town of Braintree, The perticulars affair (or business) whereof as it was Inserted In ye Warrants, was as follows. To considr & by some Lawfull Means put a stopp to ye great Injustice which is done by some perticular men to this Town (as such) by ye boundless Liberty they take in their Improvements of said Town's Common's &c.

The Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants, Being assembled on ye day abovesd &c.

Moderator. Proceeded and Chose Coll Joseph Gooch, Moderator.

Voted that ye Towns Common's be regulated Stones prohibited carring off of the Common &c And then proceeded to the affair of the stones — In ye said Towns Common's, and after some Debat thereon, The Modr put ye Question, Whether the sd Commons shall be Regulated, the Question being put as aforesd it passd in ye affirmative, and then ye Moderatr put ye Question whether That all persons shall be Restrained from henceforth for one year from Digging and carrying off stones from any part of The said Towns Common Loads without Leave first had from The sd Town or their Comttee (hereafter to be) appointed therefor, and it passed in ye affirmative.

Wood also prohibited carring off of ye Common Also then Voted, that all persons shall be restrained from Cuting or carring of any Wood from off the sd Town's Common without Leave first had from the sd Town or their Committee, To be appointed in said affair.

A Negative vote on ye Hearbige And then also put to Vote whether the Hearbige be restrained (This present year) and it passed in ye Negative.

ye Comttee to prosecute & all elegall proceedings on ye Towns Commons &c And proceeded to that of chusing a Comttee to prosecute In ye Law all (and every person or) persons that shall presume to cut or carry off wood, or Digg or carry off stones from off ye said Town's Commons, except for such & so much or) many as they shall agree and bargain for with said Town or Comttee as aforesaid, the price to be sett from time to Time by the (Town or their) Committee hereafter named, put to vote, and it passed in ye affirmative.

ye Comttee chose And then Nominated and seperately Voted Coll Jos. Gooch, Majr Jos. Crossbey, (Mr.) Benjan Ludden, Mr. Ebenezr Thayer and Mr Samll Niles junr. be a Comttee in the whole affair of the Wood and stones, to all Intents as aforesd.

any three to be a quorum And then also Voted, That any three of the (abovesd) Comttee Be a Quorum in the affairs aforesd.

[103] Anno. Dom. 1743.
1743, Augt. 31st.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, by Law Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal Warning for ye Transacting such affairs of the Town, the perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in in the Warrants were as Follows. First to bring in their Valuations of all Rateable Estats & Polls. Secondly, After a Moderator chosen, To Receive the Reports or Reports of any of the said Town's Com^{ttees}. Thirdly, To Consid^{r} whether the Town will chuse a Treasurer To receive the money paid, or that shall at any time Hereafter be paid for stones gotten off of ye s^{d} Town's Commons; and also to Determine how the money shall be Proportioned or Divided. Fourthly, To consid^{r} of Laying a side the box for ye Choice of Jurymen) and chuse as before. Fifthly, To consider of the yearly allowance to the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. Sixthly, To Consid^{r} of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to make up accts with the Town Treasurer. Seventhly, To consider of Chusing a Com^{ttee} or of some such method if the said Town shall think proper to effect a settlement of the affairs of the Town Rate Committed Christopher Dyer to collect, for which a Warrant is in the hands of M^{r}. Thomas Hollis.

Moderator. Being assembled on ye Day aforesaid they proceeded and chose Co^{ll} Joseph Gooch Moderat^{r}.

The 3^{d}. 4th. & 5th Perticulars in ye Warrants Dismist And after some Debate the Moderat^{r} put the Question whether the, third, fourth and Fift Perticulars in the warr^{ts} shall be all of them Dismist, put to Vote and it passed in ye affirmative

a Com^{ttee} chose To settle acc^{ts} w^{t} ye Town Treasurer And then proceeded to choose a Com^{ttee} to make up the accompts with the Treasurer and then Nominated & seperately Voted, Co^{ll} Jos. Gooch, Mr Moses Belcher, and Mr Ebenez^{r} Thayer in s^{d} affair & to report thereon at March next.

And then proceeded to chuse a Com^{ttee} in the affair of Christopher Dyer respecting ye Town rate as signified in ye warrants, and then nominated & Seperatly Voted Maj'^{r}. Jos. Crossbey, Mr Benja^{n} Ludden & Mr. Sam^{ll} Niles Junr and Dea^{n} Wm Hunt, or any three of them be a Comm^{ttee} effectually to settle and adjust, all ord^{rs} yet unsettled, with said Dyer & settle ye whole acc^{t}. of what remains on ye warrant yet with M^{r}. Thomas Hollis, and the Town Treasurer to receive the same so settled, put to Vote and passed in ye affirmative.

[104] Anno. Dom. 1743.
1743, November 21st.

Money for Powder Bullets & flints &c w^{t} other Town charges The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs Being assembled on Legal Warning for Transacting Such affairs of the s^{d} Town (of Braintree afores^{d}) The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in The Warrants were as follows, Viz^{t}. first to Consid^{r} of Raising Money

for ye procuring a Sufficient Stock of Powder, Bullets and flints for ye s^d Town (Viz^t as much as may be thought necessary &c Secondly, To here ye Reporte of any of ye said Towns Com^ttees and to Determine thereon. Thirdly, To consid^r of ye affair, and condition of ye things with Christopher Dyer, one of ye Late Constables of this Town with respect to ye parte of ye Province rate Committed to him to Collect, which appears not yet paid to the province Treasurer. (vizt wheth^r any thing may yet be Done by s^d Town &c) Fourthly, To Consid^r of Chusing a Com^ttee to run ye Line (or Lines) Between ye said Towns Land, and ye Lands of Capt. Ebenez^r Thayer, on Rock Island. Fifthly, To consider of ye yearly allowance to the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk for his services therein

Moderator. The Freeholders and others Qualified, Inhabitants, Being assembled on ye Day and for the business above said, proceeded and chose maj^r Jos. Crossbey Moderator.

And after Some Debate on the affair of the condition of things respecting the Town's Stock of powder &c. and then on a motion made in or to The meeting to consider of ye affair Relating to Doct^r Henry Turners Demands and after a verbal report made to ye meeting by Co^ll Gooch one of said Committee, Voted, That the Committee chose on March 17th. 1742, at the adjournment, be still continued in that affair vizt To settle and finally to Determine the same, which Committee were as follows — Co^ll Jos^h Gooch, M^r. John Hunt, M^r. Richard Thayer, M^r. Moses Belcher and Dea^n John Holbrook, see page 98 back.

£100 — 1743 Novemb^r. 21st Money for Powder Bullets & flints &c w^t. other town charges And then proceeded to that of Raising Money, & then Voted, That One hundred pounds old tenor, be added to the Two Hundred and Fifty pounds, voted to be assessed at Their meeting which was on the 20th. of may last Past, see page 101 back, and to be assessed, vizt with y^t and as their Directed (note) this last One Hundred pounds, to be for the providing the said [105] Town With Powder, bullets and flints (vizt. so much of s^d Hundred pounds to be laid out In Providing powder, bullets and flints as the Selectmen shall think necessary at present, & the surplus, if any be to Defrey other necessary Charges, vizt. to be used in that affair.

£50 — a sum voted That Dyer may be Discharged, viz Fifty £ if so much be necessary y^t f^m & secure to ye Town And then Proceeded to that Relating to Christopher Dyer, and after some Debate thereon & in case &c Voted, That Fifty pounds old tenor, be added and assessed, together with the One hundred pounds aforesaid and that so much of the said Fifty pounds be paid to the Discharging the sum of the province Rate as was Committed to said Dyer to collect and pay into the Province Treasury, and that the said Dyer, may be Discharged therefrom & ye Town also Secured That is to say that the sums aboves^d be assessed in Form (as the Two Hundred & Fifty pounds voted, on the s^d Twentieth of may last past was Directed to be, and also for the uses above said.

Voted, a Com^ttee To Run & settle ye Line w^h M^r. Thay^r. on

Rock Island. And then proceeded to that of runing the Line with M^{r}. Eben^{r} Thayer, and after some Inquiry therein, Voted, That Maj^{r}. Jos^{h} Crossbey, (Capt or L^{t}) Wm Hunt & Lt John Adams, be Impowered on the Towns behalf to run & compleat and well establish and settle & fix Boundariaries if any shall be found wanting betwixt the said Towns Lands & the Lands of Mr Ebenez^{r} Thayer on Rock Island.

The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk vizt Richard Faxon allowe^{d} Twelve pounds per year for five years to ye first of March next coming vizt 1743 And then proceeded to that of an allowance To the Town Treasurer and Town Clerk, The Moderator then put the question if Twelve Pounds per year shall be allowed to the Town Treasurer and Town Cler^{k} for his services, and it passed in ye Negative, and then the Moderator Put the Question whether twelve Pounds per year From the first of March, Seventeen hundred, Thirty & Eight to the first of March seventeen hundred Forty and three shall be allowed s^{d} Faxon vizt for five years. The Question as aforesaid was put to the said meeting (by the Moderator) and it passed in the affirmative. To be allowed To Richard Faxon, and the above s^{d} twelve pounds per year was Declared to be understood of old tenor.

Anno Dom. 1743.

[106] March 5th. 1743.

The Anniversary Town Meeting For the choice of Town Officers For the year, Seventeen Hundred Forty and Four.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal Warning for ye choice of Town Officers & such other affairs of said Town ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants were as Follows. After a Moderator Chosen. First, To chuse all such Town Officers as ye Laws of this province Direct to be chosen on such annual meeting. Secondly, To Receive ye Reporte or Reports of any of ye said Towns Committees. Thirdly, To see if ye Town will accept of a Way Given by Jonath^{n} Clark & Others from s^{d} Clark's to ye Middle Swamp Way — To be a Town way — Fourthly, To see if ye Town will chuse a Com^{ttee} to git Surveyer to take a Plan of ye Town's Common. Fifthly, To consider if there shall be an allowance for any number of Bulls and Boars for ye year ensuing Sixthly, To consid^{r} of an allowance of some part of ye School money to ye South Precinct Seventhly, To chuse a County Treasurer.

The Freeholders & Other Qualified Inhabitants of s^{d} Town of Braintree, being assembled as afores^{d}, proceeded and chose Co^{ll}. John Quincy Moderat^{r}.

And then proceeded & Voted Richard Faxon Clerke &c.

A Negative Vote on ye motion of two Constables to serve in one precinct & y^{n} Voted in ye affirmative for one &c — Jno Thomas Benja^{n} Baxter & Jno White chose Constables And then proceeded to that of chusing of Constables & then on motion made by sundry Persons to ye meeting that there might be two chosen in each

precinct ye Moderat^r then put the Question, vizt. Whether two (Constables) to serve in ye office of Constables, shall be chose in each precinct, put to vote & it passed in ye Negative, and then the Question was put by ye Moderat^r Whether but one shall be chosen that shall Sarve in each precinct of this town for ye present year Put to vote & it passed in ye affirmative, the votes for Constables being Collected & sorted it appeared that M^r. Jno Thom^s, Benja^n Baxter & Jno. White were chosen To s^d office, said Thom^s & Baxter not being there, their minds could not be known, (Jno White promised either to serve himself or by some other man to The Towns acceptance, as ye Law Directs.

[107] 1743 March 5th.

County Treasurer — ye votes Del^d to Con Baxter And then proceeded to ye choice of a County Treasurer, the votes being Collected, were Delivered to Gregory Baxter, Constable & sealed up.

ye Number of Select men, Determined &c And then proceeded to ye choice of Select men (and after some Debate Whether Five or three Select men shall be chosen to serve in said office for ye year ensuing, The Moderat^r. put ye Question whether ye following number of Select men & In the several Precincts as follows — Two in the North pre^t & Two in ye Middle pre^t & one in the South pre^t put to vote & it passed in ye affirmative. The votes being Collected & Sorted it appeared that those chosen were as follows, vizt. Select men In ye North precinct Co^ll John Quincy & Lt John Adams. In ye Middle precinct Dea^n. Wm Hunt & Lt Richard Thayer In ye South precint, Ebenez^r Copeland.

For Town Treasurer And then chose for Town Treasurer, Richard Faxon.

Surveyers of Highweys And then chose for Surveyers of Highways, In ye North precinct Simon Crossbey, Jonathan Webb, Sam^ll Penniman, Willson Marsh and In ye Middle precinct, Mr Ebenez^r Whitmarsh, Ephraim Thayer Junr. Sam^ll. Niles Junr. Moses French, Isaiah Thayer & Thom^s. Faxon. In ye South precinct, Dea^n. Sam^ll. Bass, and Ebenez^r Niles.

Chose for Tythingmen, vizt. In the North precinct Sam^ll. Adams, In ye Middle precinct James Thayer Sec^dus Caleb Hobart In ye South precinct Ens^n Joseph Wales.

Chose for Surveyers of Timber Plank & Shingles, In ye North precinct Joseph Neal, In ye Middle Pre^t Thomas Vinton

Chose for Sealers of Leather, In ye North pre^t Aaron Hayward In ye Middle pre^t Mica^h Allen.

Chose for Fence Viewers In ye North pre^t Nathl. Belcher, Ebenez^r Field, In ye Middle pre^t Thomas Allen & Eleazer Thayer, South, pre^t Joseph Hayward.

Chose for Hogreives In ye North pre^t. Nathan Spear & William Savel, In ye South pre^t William Linfield & John Niles jun^r. In ye Middle pre^t Abraham Thayer & William White

South prec^t. allowed School mon^y And then proceeded to that of allowing part of ye School Money to South precinct and then Voted, that a part of ye School money be allowed to ye South pre-

cinct to be Improved for such use & no other (as heretofore has been ordered & Directed &c).

[108] 1744 May 15th.

Coll. John Quincy Esqr Chose Representatives &c Pursuant to a preceipt for the choice of a Representative, the freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town having had Legal warning (vizt) Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning) The meeting being opened they proceeded to the choice of A. Representative, the votes being Collected and examined it appeared That Coll John Quincy Esqr. was chosen Representative by the Major Part of the Voters present, aforesd.

1744 May 15th.

Also a Meeting being warned for transacting such affairs of the Town of the perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants, were as follows, — After a Modr chosen &c — First To consider of Raising Money for ye Defreying the charges of said Town this present year. Secondly, To considr if any thing is farther necessary to be done about clearing (or keeping the passage of Fish clear in their passing up Manatiquod River. Thirdly, To consider of Chusing Constables if occasion be.

Moderator. The Freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants, being assembled on Legal warning, Proceeded and chose Coll Jno Quincy Esqr. Moderatr

A. Committee chose to keep ye passage of ye Fish clear &c And then proceeded (after some Debate on ye affair of ye Fish) To chuse a Comttee to keep ye passage of Fish Clear in their passing up Manatiquod River, and then Nominated and seperately Voted, Jonathan Allen, Samll. White junr. James Penniman, & Ephraim Thayer junr. be a Comttee in ye said affair, and that said Comttee Treat with ye owners of any Mill Dam's about ye passage For Fish.

ye Constables allowed For ye present year. Benjan Owen accepted by ye Town to serve In ye room of Benjan Baxter Nathaniel Wales Secdus also accepted to serve a Constable in ye room of John Thomas & John Clarke also accepted to serve as Constable in ye room of Jno White &c And then proceeded to that for Constables, it being then moved To the Meeting that a vote Might be tried to see what the said Town would allow to those who should serve in ye office of Constables for this present year, & after some Debate thereon, Then Voted, That each Constable (to ye Number of three) be allowed seven pounds old tenor, at making up of Their accompts of all such assessments as shall be Comtted unto him or Them, and then Benjan Baxter one of those Chosen to the office of Constable, on ye annual Meeting of said Town, on March first Last past. Then moved to the meeting that Benjan Owen might be accepted In his room in sd office of Constable, the Moderat. after some Debate Put ye Question Whether said Benjan Owen should be accepted to serve in ye Room and on ye accompt of Benjan Baxter aforesd, put to vote & it passed In ye affirmative,

and then John Thomas also moved to said Meeting that Nathaniel Wales Sec^{dus} might be accepted in his Room and on his accompt, Put to Vote and it passed in ye affirmative that Nathaniel Wales Sec^{dus} Be accepted to serve in ye office of Constable in the Room & on ye accompt of said John Thom^{s} and then also John White Moved that John Clark might be accepted to serve in his room & on his accompt and after some Debate s^{d} White promising to give bonds for s^{d} Clark's performance so that the s^{d} Town doe not suffer any loss &c: ye Moderator then put ye Question whether John Clark should be accepted to ye s^{d} service of Constable, In ye room & on ye accompt of s^{d} John White, put to vote & it passed in ye affirmative.

Two Hundred pounds tax £200 And then proceeded to that of Raising Money &c, & then Voted, That two Hundred pounds old tenor be assessed on ye Polls & other Rateable Estates of ye Inhabitants of this Town, towards the necessary charges &c.

And then Voted, that ye Selectmen petition ye General Court for a consideration on ye extreordinary Tax or Taxes Lately Laid on us.

[110] Anno Dom. 1744.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for choice of Town Officers for the year, Seventeen Hundred Forty and five

1744 March 4th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in Town Affairs being Legaly Assembled for The choice of Town Officers & such other affairs of said Town the Perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows. After a Moderator chosen, First to chuse all such Town Officers as the Laws of this Province Direct To be chosen on the annual meeting in March &c. Secondly, To consider of ye Reporte of ye Select men respecting ye laying out of Ways. Thirdly, To consider of ye Report of any Com^{ttee} appointed by ye Town to lay out ways for ye town. Fourthly, To consid^{r} of ye Report of any other Com^{ttee} that s^{d} Town have Imployed in any of their affairs. Fifthly, To consid^{r} of chusing a Com^{ttee} to Lease out ye Town Lands &c. vizt. usualy call^{d} School lands. Sixthly, To consid^{r} whether the Town will come into any other method for Regulating ye Schools. Seventhly, To consid^{r} whether the Town will make Any Allowance for the keeping of Bulls and boars (for ye Towns use as some time heretofore, and if so, under what Regulation they shall be &c. Eighthly, To consid^{r} wheth^{r} any incouragment shall be given for ye killing of crows, black birds & ground Squrrels. Ninethly, To consid^{r} of Chusing a County Treasurer.

Moderator The said Freehold^{rs} &c being assembled proceeded & chose Co^{ll} Jno Quincy Moderator.

Town Clerk And then proceeded and chose Richard Faxon Clerk &c.

ye Constables y^{n} Chose were Sam^{ll} White, Jno Spear & Benja^{n}. Porter s^{d} White took ye oath And then proceeded to that of

Constables & after ye votes being Collected & Sorted it appeared that Samuel White jun^{r}, John Spear Sec^{dus} & Benja^{n} Porter were chosen to said office said White then tooke the Oath to said office, Then on motion made to s^{d} meeting Wheth^{r}. more than seven pounds shall be allowed to Each Constable that shall serve in s^{d} office this present year put to vote & it passed in ye Negative, & then ye Question was put whether seven pounds, old tenor shall be allowed to each constable that shall serve The s^{d} Town in s^{d} office of Constable the ensuing year, vizt said sum to be allowed to each of them as afores^{d} at their making up accts of all assessments that shall be committed unto them, put to vote & it passed in ye affirmative.

Vots for a County Treasurer And then proceeded to that of chusing a County Treasurer, and the Votes being Collected were sealed up & Delivered to s^{d} Constable White.

Selectmen And then proceeded to Chuse Selectmen, and after the vote were Collected — and sorted it appeared that those chosen vizt. Selectmen were, Maj^{r} Jos. Crosby, Lt. John Adams, Lieut. Richard Thayer, Dea^{n} John Holbrook and Ebenezer Copeland

Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of Chusing Town Treasurer & proceeded by nomination. The Question was then was put whether Richard Faxon, should serve in said office, put to vote, and it passed in ye affirmative.

[111] 1744 March 4th.

Surveyors of Highways And then proceeded to that of Surveyers of high Ways, by nomination & chose as Follows, vizt. Joseph Neal Sec^{dus} Jonath Baxter & Gregory Baxter, (Brought over the Rest of the Surveyers of Highways and other Town Officers as in the several colloms Following. Surveyors of Highways William Salsbery, Ephraim Hunt, John Holbrook jun^{r}. Thomas Vinton jun^{r}. David Holbrook Junr. Joseph Ludden Sec^{dus} Joseph White and Benjamin Spear.

Tythingmen Chose for Tythingmen Jonathan Webb, William Penniman Jonathan Porter & Ebenezer Hayden.

Surveyors of Plank Timb^{r} &c And then Chose for Surveyors of Plank, Timber Bords &c. Thomas Vinton, Joseph Neal, & John Clark.

Sealers of Leather And then Chose for Sealers of Leather, vizt. Aaron Hayward and Mica^{h} Allen.

Fence Viewers And then Chose for fence Viewers, Seth Bass, Ambros Marsh Napthali Thayer, Nehemiah Hayden, Samuel Arnold & Joseph Porter, & Thomas French Sec^{dus}.

Hogreives. And then chose for Hogreives, John Hayward, David Hunt, Zachariah Thayer Junr. Jonathan Hayward jun^{r}. Samuel Clark and Thomas Fenton jun^{r}.

And also Chose for the affair of preventing all breaches of the act of this province Lately made for the preservation of Deer, see said act in said province Laws page 15, 16, & 17th. of the Temporary acts. Men Chose to inform in case of ye Breach of ye act refering to Deer &c. Joseph Wales, and William Bate.

Now follows Votes as passed in other affairs — & then proceeded to that of the School in the South pre^{t} and then the Question was put Whether a part of the School Money shall be allowed to the South Precinct (for the said use) as heretofore & it put to vote passed in ye affirmative

And then ye Com^{ttes} Report in ye affair of settling the line between the Towns Land and the Lands of M^{r}. Ebeneze^{r} Thayer on Rock Island was read & voted to be accepted &c.

And then proceeded to that of ye Report of the Selectmen Laying out a way in ye South precinct, From ye Meeting-house to Benja^{n} Haywards &c. and after some Debate thereon (& objection made By said Hayward &c) vizt. against laying out s^{d} way thro^{w} his land) Voted that ye further consideration thereof be refered over to next May Meeting.

A Com^{ttee} to lease out Towns Land And then proceeded to that of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to Lease out the Towns Lands alias School Lands, & then nominated and voted, that Co^{ll}. John Quincy Maj^{r} Jos^{h} Crossby, M^{r}. Richard Thayer Dea^{n} John Holbrook and Mr Moses Belcher, be a Com^{ttee} to Lease out the said Town Lands for seven years next coming from the first of this Instant March (vizt they not to give Liberty for the Improvement of any part of said Lands by planting or Soeing &c During said term of seven years) at their Discretion.

ye affair of Schools refered to May And then Debated further on ye affair of ye Schools & voted that a further consideration thereof be refered to May Meeting &c.

& a Premium for Birds & Squrrels 4^{d} per head And then proceeded to that of a Premium for birds & squrrels & Voted, that four Pence per head old tenor be allowed out of the Treasuree of this Town for all ground squrels, Crows and grown black birds.

[112] 1745, May 20th.

A Representative Chose — Pursuant to a Warrant to the Selectmen for the assembling the town of Braintree, for the choice of a Representative, the freeholders & Other Qualified Inhabitants of ye said Town (of Braintree) being assembled on Legal Warning (the meeting being opened) they proceeded and chose John Quincy Esq. their Representative (viz ye votes being Collected and sorted it appeared that ye said Quincy was chose to ye said trust by the Maj^{r}. part of ye voters present, as then Declared by ye Selectmen.

Warrant. Also a Meeting being Warned On the Day above s^{d} for the Transacting some other affairs of said Town of Braintree, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrant, were as follows, after a Moderator chosen &c. First To Raise Money for the Defreying ye Town Charges this present year &c. Secondly, to chuse two Constables (or as occasion shall be) Thirdly, To consider whether further may be necessary to be done relating to ye passage of Fish up Manatiquod River, and to prevent any unjust or ill method or means (used) or that has or may be used in catching of them at any time to come & that Their passage up said River may not be unreasonably, obstructed &c. Fourthly, To

consider of ye Request of ye South Precinct, respecting their being priviledged with some part of ye Town's Commons to be set to them & to here the petition or request of any other Relating to said Common. Fifthly To consid^{r} of & propose & conclude on some method to settle ye affair of ye Bonds in the Treasury, perticularly those at Interest for money let out &c. as far as may be thought proper, that their may be a Determination thereon, as to ye Difference of money, if any be so concluded on, or in any other respect, vizt as to Renewing any of s^{d} bonds, & to Direct of Disposing of the money if any of them shall be paid in, as also if any of them shall be called in. Sixthly, To Chuse one Surveyor of highways for ye North precinct, one failing. Seventhly, To Consider whether there were any Incroachments on any of ye Liberties of ye leases, last expired by those, or any of those, that improved under said leases. Eighthly, To Consider of ye affair of ye Schools &c & that of Ways refered to this meeting, as ye said affairs were refered from our last annual meeting in March last &c.

Moderator. The Freeholders' and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified for Voting in Town affairs, being again assembled as afores^{d}. proceeded and Chose Maj^{r} Joseph Crossby, Moderat^{r}.

ye oath of Cons — Jno. Spear & Benjn. Porter And then proceeded to that of Constables, & John Spear Sec^{dus} & Benjamin Porter, who both were chosen to said office on ye fourth of March last past, they both appearing took their Oaths to s^{d} office of Constables.

a Negative vote on ye continuing ye South pre^{t} petition And then proceeded to that of the request of ye South precinct & after their Petition Read & Debated, ye Question was put Whether the prayer in said Petition should be continued to ye next town meeting put to vote & it passed in ye Negative.

A Com^{ttee} chose In ye Affairs of the Bonds &c And then proceeded to that of ye bonds &c. And then Nominated & Seperately Voted Jno Quincy & Jos Crossby Esq^{rs}. Lt Richard Thayer (Dea. Jno Holbrook and Richard Faxon, be a Com^{ttee} to Determine & Settle the affair of the Bonds in the Treasury respecting the Difference of money and the Interest, at their Discretion in ye s^{d} affair in behalf of ye Town &c

A way throw Benja Haywards & ye Crane's Land &c See also page 130 And then proceeded to that of Highways, then the Selectmens return of a Town way Laid out Feb^{ry} 18th. 1744, and after some Debate thereon, and by the consent of Benja Hayward & Ebenez^{r} Crane &c that y^{t} part of said way going throw their ye s^{d} Haywards & Cranes Lands be accepted as a Town way & to lye open, they then being Present & Declared that they did consent to give the Land on which the s^{d} way went of a Rode & a half wide for s^{d} use then Voted, y^{t} s^{d} part of s^{d} way be accepted as afores^{d}, provided that no Demands be hereafter made on the Town, for pay for the land s^{d} Way goes on, or for fence. The last & rest refered to ye next March Meeting, &

A, Surveyor chose. Then proceeded to that of a Surveyor, one

failing, and Moses Brackett being nominated, was chosen one of ye Surveyors of highways.

That of the Schools & that of ye Fish refered &c And then proceeded to that of ye Fish & of ye Schools but both by consent of ye Meeting were refered to Augt. meeting.

[113] 1745 Augt. 12th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal warning for the transacting Such affairs of the s^d Town the perticulars thereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as, follows, First, To Bring or give in their Valuations of their Rateable Estats & Pols &c Secondly, That they consider of Raising money to Defrey the Town Charge &c Thirdly, To consider if anything farther shall be done to prevent any manner of obstructions to the Fish's passing up manatiquod River in any season &c. Fourthly, To consider of Chusing a Committee to make up accompt with ye Town Treasurer. Fifthly, To Here & consider of ye Reporte or Reports of any of ye Com^ttees in ye affairs of Ways or any, other of ye Town affairs for which any Com^ttee has been chose. Sixthly To consider if anything farther shall be done in ye affair of ye Schools, &c.

Moderator. And then the meeting being assembled (on ye second part of ye Notification or clause in ye Warrants, they proceeded, And chose Maj^r Jos Crossby Moderat^r &c.

Voted, that two Hundred pounds to be assessed &c £200 — And then proceeded to that of Raising money for Defreying Town charges, & then Voted that two Hundred pounds old tenor be assessed on ye Poles & Estats of the Inhabitants of said Town for Defreying charges &c.

Voted, that a Petition in ye affair of ye fish be prefered to ye Gen^ll. Court &c & a Com^ttee chose And then proceeded to that of prefering a Petition to the General Court By ye Representative of this Town, in the affair of the Fish, that there, may be such an Act passed as may prevent all Devices that have or may be used to the obstruction of any sort of Fish in their passage up Manatiquod River at any season of ye year for ye future, and then chose L^t. Richard Thayer, John Curtis & John Hayward, in The affair to see that such a Petition be prefered as afores^d.

& other Com^ttee chose. And then proceeded to chuse a Com^ttee to make up accompt with ye Town Treasurer, & then chose Maj^r Jos. Crossby, L^t. Moses Belcher & Mr Sam^ll Niles jun^r.

1745 March 3^d.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for ye choice of Town Officers for ye Year 1746.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legaly assembled for the choice of Town Officers, & such other affairs of ye said Town, ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants were as follows, vizt. After a Moderator chosen First, To chuse all such

Town Officers as ye Laws of this province Direct to be chosen on the annual Town Meeting in March yearly. Secondly, To hear ye Report of any of ye said Town^{s} Com^{ttees} & to inquire how far ye Com^{ttee} Last Chosen in ye affair Left with them to see that a petition might be prefered To ye General Court y^{t} any obstructions to any Sort of Fish in their passage up manatiquod River in any season of ye year, might be prevented by a Law &c. and to consider if any thing farther may be done in that affair. Thirdly, to consider Whether a part of ye School Money shall be allowed to ye Inhabitants of the South Precinct as Heretofore. Fourthly, To Consid^{r}. if an allowance Shall be made for Bulls & boars & for killing Birds and Squrrils, &c. Fifthly, To consider what Method may be proper to be taken, to see whether manatiquod Bridge may not be made a County Bridge.

Moderator And then on the Day aboves^{d} after ye Warrants Read & ye Meeting opened, the said meeting proceeded & chose (Co^{ll}. John Quincy Esq. Moderator, and then proceeded to ye Choice of Town Officers —

Town Clerk. And then Nominated and Chose Richard Faxon, Town Clerk.

[114] 1745 March 3^{d}.

a County Register And then proceeded to ye choice of a County Register, ye votes being Collected were sealed up and Delivered to ye Constable.

a County Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of Chusing a County Treasurer ye Votes being Collected & Sealed up & Deliv^{ed} to ye Constable.

Constables And then proceeded to ye Choice of Constables, ye votes being Collected & Sorted it appeared that Mr. Joseph Marsh, Benja Thayer & Joseph Hayward were chosen.

Selectmen And then proceeded to that of Selectmen & then Nominated & chose. For ye North part L^{t}. John Adams, Sam^{ll}. Bass. For ye Middle part Major William Hunt, & L^{t}. Richard Thayer. For ye South part Ebenezer Copeland.

Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of a Town Treasurer & Nominated & chose Richard Faxon.

& chose Surveyers of Highways In ye three Colloms. M^{r}. Moses Belcher Stephen Cleverly Nathan Spear, Moses Marsh, John Capen Benjamin French William White, Sam^{ll} Wild, Jr & Caleb Thayer Thomas French Sec^{dus} Cornelious Thayer Cooper, John Niles, Napthali Thayer.

Tythingmen, Samuel Hayward, Thomas Allen, & Lt Joshua Hayward

Surveyors of Timber, Thomas Vinton, Joseph Neal & John Clark

Sealers of Leather, Aaron Hayward and Mica Allen.

Fence Viewers And then proceeded to that of fence Viewers & Chose John Beal jun^{r}. Moses Belcher Junr. Thomas Faxon, John Holbrook jun^{r} L^{t}. Sam^{ll}. Vinton and Corp^{l}. John Hayden.

Firewards. & then proceeded to that of chusing men to Take

care & to Look that ye wood be not set on fire &c. chos in that affair Benjamin Owen Ezechel Crane & Samuel Clark.

Hogreives William Adams, John Tower, David French Joseph Field Elijah Thayer, Samuel Wales

ye Com^ttee chose In ye affair of ye Fish to proceed And then proceeded to that of the Committees Reports & after an inquiry Into ye proceedings of ye Com^ttee Chose in Augt. ye 12th Last in ye affair of ye Fish & understanding it has not been prosecuted. Voted, That ye said Committee speedily pursue ye said trust as they were in said former vote Directed.

ye affair of ye School refered to May meeting. And then proceeded to that of (an allowance of part of ye School Money to ye South pre^t and after some Debate Voted to be refered to May meeting for further consideration.

Six pence per Head for birds & Squrrils &c And then proceeded to that of Bulls, boars, & Birds & Squerrils, ye Modert^r Then put ye Question whether there should be any allowance for Bulls & Boars put to vote past in ye Negative.

And then ye Moderat^r after some Debate, put ye Question whether Six pence per head old tenor, shall be paid out of the Treasuree of this Town for each head, either Crows, black birds, Grey or Ground Squerrils, put to vote & it pas^t in ye affirmative.

Jos Hayward to Have an allowance as ye Constable lately have had (see page 108 back And then Jos Hayward, mov^d that ye minds of ye meeting might be Known, vizt. Whether he might be allowed seven pounds old tenor. The Moderat^r then put ye Question whether Jos Hayw^d shall have seven Pounds old tenor, Provided he shall serve ye s^d Town in ye office of Constable, ye year ensuing, put to vote & it pass^t in ye affirmative, as page 108

The Com^ttees Report read and accepted in ye affair of ye Bonds at Interest &c And then pass^t to that of the Com^ttee Report in ye affairs of ye bonds, vizt. the Bonds, at Interest, the s^d Reporte being Read in said Meeting & the Moderator put the Question whether the Reporte Now Read shall be so accepted, (vizt. said Report Dated Feb^ry, Twenty Seventh Seventeen Hundred Forty & five) and that the Treasurer Conform thereto accordingly, put to vote & it pass^t In ye affirmative.

The affair of ye Bridge Left with the Selectmen And then proceeded to that of Petitioning that Manatiquod Bridge May be Made a County Bridge & after Some Debate thereon Voted, That ye Selectmen take Care thereof.

[115] 1746 May 19th.

A Representative. Pursuant to a Warrant to ye Select Men of Braintree for ye assembling the Town of Braintree for ye Choice of a Representative, the freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled on Legal warning, after ye meeting being opened, they proceeded, and after the votes were Collected & Sorted it appeared that Maj^r William Hunt was chosen Representative for ye s^d Town, by ye Maj^r part of ye Voters present as then Declared by the Select Men.

N.B. Begins (here) ye meeting For Transacting ye Towns affairs as in ye Warr^{nt}. Also a Meeting being Warned for ye transacting Such affairs of ye said Town ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants were as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

First, To chuse a Constable in ye North precinct for s^{d} Town.

Secondly, To Raise Money to Defrey ye necessary Charges of s^{d} Town this present year

Thirdly, To consider what may be Done in ye affair of ye Schools that may be Most for ye advantage of s^{d} Town thereby, as also to here ye Request of ye Inhabitants of ye South Precinct, for an allowance of part of ye School Money & to consider thereof.

Fourthly, To here ye Report of any of ye Towns Comm^{ttes} & to Determine thereon

Fifthly, To Consider of what May be offered in ye affair of a premium for Birds & Squrrils For ye Year Seventeen Hundred Forty & three, according to ye list of that Date on file.

Sixthly, To consid^{r} if any thing May be necessary to be Done in ye affair of ye Fish That may be any Wayes Likely to be an advantage to ye Town.

Seventhly, To consider of an allowance to ye Town Treasurer for his services in s^{d} office (and also as Clerk,) as also whether any Incouriagment shall be made for young birds for ye present year.

& then on ye Day a bove said Moderator. and then ye moderat^{or} adjourned ye meeting viz. their consent, to four o'clock on ye afternoon Voted, y^{t} m^{r} Joseph marsh Be released &c. And Nath^{n} Spear chose & after some Debate ye meeting proceeded To a new choice & then Josiah Ruggles was chose to said office Benja^{n} Owen accepted in ye room of Josiah Ruggles & took the oath Owens allowance Voted also Thayers The freehold^{rs} and other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree assembled on Legal warning, on ye Day & year above s^{d} & pursuant to ye The Business set forth in ye Warrants as afore s^{d}, proceeded and chose Maj^{r} Joseph Crossbey, Moderator & then proceeded to that of chusing a Constable (in ye North precinct) of said Town) viz after ye meeting being again assembled by adjournment as noted in ye margin — at which time (a Petition or) memorial From Mr. Joseph Marsh to ye s^{d} Town, on that of his ye s^{d} Marsh's Being chose Constable (vizt. to said office on ye annual meeting in March Last past & after s^{d} memorial being Read & Some Debate thereon, ye Moderator Put ye Question whether ye s^{d} Jos^{r} Marsh should be Released & Discharged from serving ye s^{d} Town in s^{d} office of Constable ye present year & that an other Be chose &c put to vote & it past in ye affirmative, and then the Votes being Collected & sorted it appeared that Nathan Spear was chose to serve in s^{d} office, but in consideration that ye s^{d} Spear was chose one of the Surveyers of Highways for ye present year, & after some Debate thereon ye said meeting proceeded to a new choice & after The Votes were Collected & Sorted, it appeared that Josiah Ruggles was chosen to ye s^{d} office of Const^{bl} and then at ye motion of s^{d} Ruggles to the

meeting that Benja^{n}. Owen might be accepted in his room, ye moderator put ye Question whether That ye s^{d} Benja^{n} Owen should serve in s^{d} office in ye room and stead of s^{d} Josiah Ruggles put to vote & it past in ye affirmative, (s^{d} Owen being there & consent^{g}) and then s^{d} owen made a motion to s^{d} meeting that he might be allowed By ye s^{d} town a premium as had been a late practice in that case, also, Benjamin Thayer Chosen to the s^{d} office of Constable on March last past made motion To this meeting for an allowance to him in like (manner) sort, and then ye Moderator put the Question whether Benja^{n} Owen & likewise Benja^{n} Thayer, vizt. each of them shall be allowed seven pounds old tenor for their Services in said office, (under ye proviso heretofore annexed to s^{d} allowance) put to vote & it passed In ye affirmative (See ye proviso annexed to said allowance on page 108 Back)

Viz. No 8 And then Voted, that Report (now Read &) made by the Com^{ttee} appointed to make up accompts with ye Town Treasurer be accepted & ye s^{d} Treasurer, so far Discharged, vizt. ye Report Dated May 19th. 1746.

an allowance for young birds & also a vote for ye payment of ye lists vizt No. 8 — [116] And then proceeded to that of a premium for young Birds and Voted, that two pence per head old tenor, be paid out of Treasuree of this Town, for young black birds heads (brought in to ye Select Men ; also

Voted, That the lists of ord^{rs} Delivered to ye Treasurer by Selectmen be all paid vizt Each person his sum therein Set Down ; vizt ye lists Dated 1743/4 Feb^{ry} 13th. & the other perticulars, as that of ye Schools, & that of an allowance to Town Treasurer, all to be left to an other meeting (it being late, and not Conve^{t} at this meeting for want of time.

1746, Augt. 25th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified For Voting in Town affairs Being Legaly assembled for ye Transacting such Affairs of ye s^{d} Town The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye Warrants were as follows.

First To bring in their valuations to ye Selectmen of their Poles & other Ratable Estats. Secondly, After a Moderator chosen, To consider of raising money to Defrey the Necessary Charg's of ye Town this present year &c. Thirdly, To consider of any affair Relating to any of ye Bridges within this Town. Fourthly, To consider what is necessary to be done for ye Securing ye s^{d} Town's Stock of powder. Fifthly, To consider of any affair relating to ye Schools, & of allowing any part of the School Money to ye School in ye South precinct or to any other of ye precincts of said Town. Sixthly To consider of an allowance to ye Town Treasurer & Town Clerk for his Service, after ye first perticular past &c.

Moderator — 300£ Tax, £300 — Proceeded to ye second & chose Maj^{r}. Joseph Crossby Moderator. & then proceeded to that of raising money to Defrey ye necessary charg's &c & then Voted, That three Hundred pounds old tenor be assessed &c to Defrey ye necessary charges of s^{d} Town as far as it will goe.

A. Committee chose in ye affairs of manatiquod Bridge And then went to that of ye Bridges & after some Debate thereon Voted, that a Committee be chose, and then Nominated & seperately Voted, That Maj^r W^m. Hunt Lieut. Rich^rd Thayer & Wm Penniman be a Com^ttee to search & mend manatiquod Bridge (heretofore Call^d Iron Work Bridge) so as it that may serve without Danger of passing over, until the spring, if it may be mended for a reasonable cost.

ye Selectmen to build a closet for ye Powder In case &c And then went to that of Securing the town Stock of powder & Voted, That ye Select Men build a Closite one the Beams of ye Middle pre^t Meeting House, therefor (if it be allowed of) &c.

a sum of 200£ pounds apro^cd to ye Schools And then passed to that of the Schools & after some Debate thereon Voted, that two Hundred pounds old Tenor — be appropriated for the use of ye Schools Including ye rents of ye School Lands, & that each precinct Draw their proportionable part of ye same.

The Town Treasurers & Town Clerk's allowance for ye years 1744 & 1745 And then proceeded to that of an allowance to ye Town Treasurer & Town Clerk for his Servis, then on a motion made to ye s^d Meeting by Richd Faxon ye present Town Treasurer for a consideration of Forty Shillings per year for the two first years of his servis in s^d offices, Being allowed but ten pounds per year for ye two first years see their) vote on page 51 back, and after some consideration thereon Voted, that four pounds old tenor in further allowance for s^d Two first years servis, vizt forty shillings more old tenor, for the year thirty seven & also Forty shillings, more for ye year thirty eight, above what was then allowed him in said Vote on page 51 back aforesaid — &c. Voted also twelve pounds per year for the two years past vizt. For the year Seventeen Hundred forty & four & forty five in old tenor, for his services in s^d offices for s^d years vizt to s^d Richard Faxon the present Town Treasurer & Town Clerk &c.

1746 November 24th.

Warrants. The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Brantree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legaly assembled for ye Transacting Such affairs of ye sd Town, The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows

Warrants — First, to consider & Determine what may be necessary & proper to be done Respecting ye Building ye Bridge usualy called the Iron-work Bridge, vizt Whether to Build with stone (or arched) or how the same [117] shall be done, & to order the affair in all things relating Thereto & to here the Report of the Com^ttee Last chose respecting the affairs of said Bridge.

Secondly To consider what may be necessary to be Done for the securing the said Town's powder &c vizt. to Determine How & where the same shall be secured & also to consider what method shall be taken to see if there be, & to prevent any Incroachments on any of the said Town's Commons, & to raise money for the effecting any of the affairs afores^d if it be thought proper or necessary

Moderator. The affair of the Bridge refere^{d} to march meeting & also ye affair of securing ye s^{d} Towns stock of Powder Refered to s^{d} March meeting The Freeholders &c being assembled as afores^{d} proceeded & Chose Maj^{r} Wm Hunt Moderator, and then proceeded to that of the Building a Bridge over manatiquod (or Ironwork) River & after some Debate thereon Voted, that the affair of said Bridge be refered to ye next March Meeting, & then went upon that of securing the said Towns Stock of Powder &c. & after that affair had been Debated in said meeting, Voted, also that the said affair of securing ye s^{d} Towns Stock of Powder, Be refered to ye next March Meeting vizt for Determining the method To be taken for ye securing the same, (Lt Jno Adams being there then sigifying to said meeting that he would take care thereof untill then as he had done for sometime past vizt. that it might be with him) and then proceeded to that of the common & then

In ye affair of the Common Maj Jos Crossbey, Mr Belcher & Mr. Thayer Com^{ttee} Voted, that a Com^{ttee} be chose to Look into that affair & then seperately Voted, that Maj^{r} Joseph Crossbey & M^{r}. Moses Belcher & M^{r}. Ebenezer Thayer be a Com^{ttee} to see if there be any Incroachments on any part of the said Towns Commons & to run & renew the Bouinds thereof as occasion may be, & that they make reporte thereof to ye next Town meeting.

1746, March 2^{d}.

The Anniversary Town Meeting For the Choice of Town Officers for the year Seventeen Hundred forty & Seven &c.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legaly assembled for the Choice of Town Office & such other affairs, the perticulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants were as follows.

Warrant. After a Moderator chosen, First, to chuse all such Town Officers as ye province Laws Direct to be Chosen on said annual meeting, &c Secondly, To consider further of providing a place for ye securing ye s^{d} Towns stock of pow^{r} Thirdly — To consid^{r}. of New Building manatiquod, vizt. that called ye Iron work Bridge & in what method it shall be done. Fourthly, To consid^{r} of an Incouriagement for keeping Bulls & boars Fifthly, To consid^{r} of a premium for killing Birds & Squrriels &c. Sixthly, To consider of Disposing of the Old Stone Meeting House. Seventhly, To consider of an allowance to some of our late Constables respecting such Persons as are gone out of Town without paying such Rates as they were assessed at. Eighthly, To consider of & Determine, as the Law Direct, such Lists respecting Juriors as shall be Laide before said Town for their acceptance. Ninthly, To consider of what may be laide before said Town, respecting Townways.

Moderator. The Freeholders being assembled on Legal Warning & on ye Day above s^{d} Proceeded & chose M^{r}. Moses Belcher Moderat^{r}.

Town Clerk And then Proceeded & chose Richard Faxon, Town Clerk.

Constables Mr Samll. Niles Junior Samll Penniman & Ebenezer Spear And then went upon that of Chusing Constables, and after the votes were Collected & sorted it appeared that Mr. Samll Niles junr Samll. Penniman and Ebenezer Spear were chosen to said office, &c.

Selectmen, Mr. Moses Belcher Lt. Jno Adams, Capt. Ebenezer Thayer Mr Peter Clark & Aaron Hayward And then proceeded to that of chusing Select Men ye Votes also being Collected & sorted it appeared that Mr Moses Belcher, Lt. John Adams Capt Ebenzer Thayer Mr. Peter Clark and Aaron Hayward were chosen.

[118] 1746 March 2d.

A premium to ye Several Constables for ye year 1747 And then on a motion made by Samll. Penniman & Ebenezer Spear & then ye Moderatr. put ye Question whether each of the Constables, that shall serve the Town year, seventeen Hundred forty & seven shall be allowed, seven pounds, old tenor, when they shall have made up & Discharged all such Rates & Taxes as shall be Committed unto them, put to Vote & it past in ye affirmative.

Votes for a County Treasurer. And then proceeded to that of chusing a County Treasurer, The Votes being Collected were Delivered to ye Constable.

More town officers and then went upon that Again of Town Officers by Nomon as follows in two Colloms &c

Town Treasurer Richard Faxon, Town Treasr

Surveyors of Highways Voted, for Surveyers of Highways John Spear Secdus John Baxter Junr Samuel Marsh, Samuel Webb, and Joseph Nightingal, Isaac Newcomb, James Jenniman, Thomas Faxon, Benjamin White, Ephraim Jones Junr Joseph Ludden Secdus John Noyce, and Joseph Arnold, Sert. Ebenezer Niles Joseph Thayer, and Samuel Blancher and Thomas Fenton junr

Tythingmen Voted, for Tything men, Lieut Benjamin Beal Junr. Jonathan Allen and Sert Jonathan Hayden

Fence Viewers Voted for fence viewers, Nathan Spear and Moses Belcher Junr Christopher Thayer and John Hayward, Mathew Prat, and Jonathan Porter

Surveyors of Plank & Timber &c Voted for Surveyers of Plank &c Thomas Vinton, Joseph Neal, and John Clark.

Sealr. of Leather Voted, for Sealers of Leather Mica. Allen, & Jedadiah Bass.

Hog-reeves Voted, for Hog-reeves, Samuel Savel Junr. & Benja. Bass, James Thayer & Thomas Thayer, Jerimiah Thayer & Willm. Linfield Jr

Dear reeves Voted, for Dear rieves, Naphthali Thayer and Benjamin Silvester.

And then the Moderator with ye Consent of the meeting Adjourned the meeting (with ye rest of the affairs mentioned in ye Warrants to Fryday the sixth day of this Instant, March at twelve o'clock, &c.

1746 March 6th.

assembled by adjournt The Town Powder put for one year un-

der ye care of L^t Jno. Adams The Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants of ye s^d Town of Braintree, Being assembled by adjournment from the second day of this Instant March (ye meeting being opened) they proceeded to consider of the affair of Providing a place for ye securing ye said Towns Stock of Powder &c. & after some Debate thereon, a motion was made to L^t Jno. Adams, that it might Be still continued with him & under his care as he Had it for some time Past. L^t. Adams being then in s^d meeting consented that it should be with him and that he would take ye care of s^d powder & other Town's stock of ammunition For one year yet to come & then Voted, that ye Select men provide a Large chest to be sto^ed s^d powder, &c in Viz^t. ye Question was put to Vote & It pas^t in ye affirmative.

Voted a Com^ttee to make further application in ye affair of ye Bridge And then proceeded to that of New building of the Bridge Known by ye name of ye Iron Work Bridge, and after some Debate on that affair, The Question was put whether Major Joseph Crossbey with two of the Select men be a Com^ttee to make farther aplycation to ye General sessions of the peace &c. Respecting their Petition for a County Bridge &c. Put to vote and passed in ye affirmative.

A Negative Vote on y^t of Bulls & boars And then went upon that of an allowance for Bulls & boars ye Question was then put whether there shall be an allowance by ye Town to Incouriage the keeping Bulls & boars. Put to vote & It passed in ye Negative.

A premium for Birds & Squ^rrls 9^d for old 3^d for young blackbirds, 6^d for Squrr^el heads And then ye Quistion Was put whether there shall be a premium allowed out of the s^d Town Treasury For the killing black birds & Squrriels put to vote & it past in ye affirmative.

And, then Voted that nine pence per head for old black birds heads & three pence per head for young black birds heads, & sixpence per head for Squrrels Heads, brought in to the Select men, from ye first day of April next Coming, until ye Last day of July next following, & no longer, all the s^d prices to be in old tenor.

ye affair of ye Stone meeting house refer^d to May &c And then Voted that ye affair of ye Old Stone Meeting House be Refered to May meeting next coming.

An allowance to Nath^ll French 1746 March 6th. 4 £ 9/4 allowed to Nath^ll French And then on a motion made to s^d meeting by Nath^ll. French one of ye Late Constables of this Town for ye allowance of Four pounds — nine Shillings & four pence old tenor, for that one list, Sam^ll Hayden Late of this Town was taxed so much in a List Committed to the said Nath^ll. French to collect &c. and after some inquiry made, Voted, [119] That ye said French be allowed the s^d sum of four pounds, nine shillings & four pence old tenor, out of said Town Treasury.

A Town way Lay^d out accepted with the proviso That ye Town be saved From any Charge of paying for Land &c And then proceeded to that of Town ways (& Whereas by a return of a Town

way Layd out) Braintree Feb^{ry}. 26th. 1746, (as follows) We ye Subscribers at ye Request of a number of ye Inhabitants of ye Town on ye Day aboves^{d}, Went & Lay^{ed} out a Town Way, Beginning first at Stoughton Road, Thence by a little Walnut tree marked about seven rods a cross Amos Stetsons Land to a heep of stones Lying in a cart way (lately purchased of s^{d} Stetson by some of the Neighbours Living nearest there abouts & then from said way a Cross John Spear's Land Streight to ye corner of ye fence Standing between s^{d} Spear's Land, and Carpenter John Niles & along by s^{d} fence till it comes to ye Country Road Leading to Bridgwater, all ye s^{d} Way to be on ye East side of ye bounds menti^{ed}, And to be One rod & half wide (vizt. for a private Drift Way thro. gates, That is to say Thro' four gates, Thro' ye above Described Way Note the Last Parragraft added in s^{d}. meeting (& By ye consent of s^{d} parties) & by order,

Signed, Richard Thayer, John Adams, Ebenez^{r} Copeland } Selectmen

The way accepted with a proviso. Voted, That the above s^{d} way be accepted as above Discribed & Limited Provided that there shall not be any Demands made on s^{d} Town for pay For Said Lands, nor any parte thereof at any time.

And then went upon that of considering of ye Lists of Jurymèn s^{d} Lists as Drawn & Divided by the Select men pursuant to ye Law in that affair Read and accepted.

1747 March 30th

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in ye affairs Hereafter expressed being Legaly assembled on s^{d} Day For ye Transacting such of ye affairs of said Town, The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants, were as follows, vizt. after a mod^{r}. chosen, First, To Consid^{r} they will by vote Determine that the Towns Commons vizt the Fifteen hundred acres (so called) &c Shall lye as a free Common to all ye Legal Inhabitants of s^{d} Town for ye future (Pursuant to a Vote on Record in one of our s^{d} Town Book's of Records, viz. Lib^{y} 1st. fol^{o} 9th. which vote was passed The 29th. (of y^{e}) 8 moth 1656, as by relation thereto had may more at Large appear, or whether they will Determine that s^{d} Common shall so lye for any Limit of time that they shall think proper. Secondly, To consider of taking of some measu^{rs} for ye preserving the young growth of wood on s^{d} Common Lands &c. Thirdly, To consid^{r} of passing any necessary Vote or Votes that shall be thought proper for the Improving (as they shall think best) the stones that may be gotten on s^{d} Common Lands from time to time &c as also to consid^{r} of chusing such Comm^{ttee} or Com^{ttees} as they shall think fit or necessary.

Moderator. The meeting being open^{d} &c they proceed^{ed} & chose ye Honble Jno Quincy Esqr. Moderat^{r}

& then went to ye affairs of the s^{d} Town's Common's, and after

some consideration on ye perticulars in the Warrants refering thereto.

Voted, that the Common Lands usually called the Town Common, shall lye as a free Common for the present, vizt. put to vote and it Pas^{t} In ye affirmative, the rest of the perticulars in ye warr^{s} Dismist.

[121] 1747, May 18th.

Representative Pursuant to a Warrant or Precept to the Select-Men of the Town of Braintree for ye Choice of a Representative, the freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants being Legaly assembled, proceeded & after the Votes were Collected & sorted, it appeared that ye Honble John Quincy Esqr. was chosen Representative.

And as the Warrants for s^{d} meeting Included other affairs of s^{d} Town to be Transacted on s^{d} Day the perticulars whereof were as follows. after a Mod^{r} Chosen. First, To Consid^{r} whether there shall be more than one Schoole kept in s^{d} Town at The Towns Charge & if so, Then to Determine as shall be thought proper. Secondly, To Consid^{r} of raising Money to Defrey Town Charges &c. Thirdly, To Consid^{r} of Disposing of the Old Stone Meeting House &c. Fourthly, To Consid^{r} of the request of sundry persons, respecting rates either for an abatement or an allowance. Fifthly, To Consid^{r} of the request of James Penniman respecting the alteration of some part of the Town way through his Land. Sixthly, To consid^{r} of the reporte or reports of any one or more of ye Town's Committees. Seventhly, To Consid^{r} of Chusing a Surveyer of Highways in the North part of said Town (or in any other part of said Town if occasion be. Eighthly, To Chuse a Com^{ttee} to make up accompts with the Town Treasurer. Ninethly, To inquire if anything hath been done at ye Courte by ye Com^{ttee} appointed in ye affair, of the Stoping or any ways obstructing the passage of Fish up the River betwixt Weymoth. & Braintree & Chuse a Committee or Com^{ttees} in the affair as occasion may be.

Moderator. And being assembled as aboves^{d} proceeded & chose the Honble John Quincy Moderat^{r}.

A Negative vote on ye School &c An affirmative Vote In ye affair of ye Schools. The Moderat^{r} then put the Question, Whether there shall be but one School kept In this Town the present year, & after some Debate thereon, the Question was put & it past in ye Negative, & then the Question was put whether But two Schools shall be kept in this Town this present year at the s^{d} Towns Charge, vizt. one in ye North & one in ye South precinct, put to vote & it pas^{t} in the affirmative.

The South pre^{t} to be allowed part of ye School Money And then on a motion made to the Meeting by some of the people of the South pre^{t} for an allowance as heretofore, of part of the School, & then the Question was put whether the South pre^{t} shall allowed (a proportionable) part of the School Money, put to vote & it pas^{t} in ye affirmative.

A Com^{ttee} Chose to sell the Stone Meeting House And then proceeded to that of Disposing of the Old Stone Meeting House,

&c. and after some Debate thereon, Voted that a Com^{ttee} be chosen to sell or Dispose of the s^{d} Old Stone Meeting House & then seperately Lt John Adams, Capt Thom^{s}. Wales & Major Wm Hunt be a Com^{ttee} in that affair.

Benja Porter a late Const^{ble} to be allowed on ye province & town Rate in his list for Chris. Hayden & Jno Stoder &c And then Voted that Benja. Porter late Cons^{le} be allowed one pound, twelve Shillings & four pence on the province & town rate of Christoph^{r} Hayden in his lists, vizt. s^{d} sum in the old tenor & then also Voted, That the s^{d} Porter be allowed the Poll Money in his Lists on ye province & town Rate of John Stoder.

Also Jno Clark to be allowed ye Poll money Taxt on s^{d} Stoder in ye province & Town rate Also, Voted That John Clark a late Constable be allowed the Poll money Taxed upon ye s^{d} John Stoder in the lists committed to him to Collect, vizt. on the province & Town rate.

A Com^{ttee} chose to view the part of a Town Way through James Pennimans Land And then went to that of the request of James Penniman abought altering of some part of the Town way through his land & after some Debate thereon, Voted, that a Com^{ttee} to view the conditions of the same, & to make reporte To the Town of the curcumstances thereof at their next March Meeting, and then Voted that Mr Richard Thayer, Mr Moses Belcher & John Curtis be a Comm^{ttee} in that affair & that they reporte as afores^{d}

Mr Richard Brackett Eph^{m}. Thayer Junr & Ichabod Holbrook were chosen to the office of surveyers of Highways &c And then went to that of Chusing Surveyers of Highways since some chose To that office Last March fail &c. and then Voted that Ephraim Thayer Junr, Be one of the Surveyers of highways, since that Jno Noyce fails &c. Voted, also, that Ichabod Holbrook serve as one of the Surveyor^{s} of Highways, since Ephraim Jones J^{r} also fails.

Voted, also, that M^{r}. Richd Brackett be one of the Surveyers of this Town &c

Mr. Moses Belcher Mr. Jno. Adams & Wm Penniman a Com^{tee}. to settle accts with the Town Treasurer — And then Voted, that M^{r}. Moses Belcher, Mr. John Adams & William Penniman, be a Com^{ttee} Settle & adjust accompts w^{t} Richard Faxon) The Town Treasurer.

[122] 1747, June 5th.

The choice of a Representative. Pursuant to a Precept, to the Select Men of the Town of Braintree for the choice of a Representative the freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants being Legaly assembled they proceeded & after the votes were Collected & sorted, Maj^{r} William Hunt was declared by the Selectmen, to be chosen Representative.

1747, Septr. 25th.

Warrants. Pursuant to the Warrant for a Town Meeting, The freeholders and other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Brain-

tree, being Legaly assembled, for the Transacting of such affairs of the Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows. After a Moderator Chosen, First, To bring in their Valuations, to the Selectmen, Viz^{t}. of their pols, real & personal Estates. Secondly, To consid^{r} of raising of money, To Defrey the necessary charge of the said Town the Present year &c. Thirdly, To Here & Consid^{r} of reports of the agents of this Town, respecting the Iron works Bridge so called Fourthly To consid^{r} of acting further on the reporte that may be made to said Meeting by said agents respecting said Bridge. Fifthly, To Consid^{r} if a small Dwelling House shall be built on some part of the Said Towns Com^{on} Lands for the use of the poor of this Town. Sixthly, To Consid^{r} of & act on the Report or Reports of any of the s^{d} Town's Com^{ttee} or Com^{ttees}, of any of them shall make reporte &c. Seventhly, To Consid^{r} of reconsidering, the Vote that past at their Last Meeting, Respecting the Stone Meeting House, vizt. To consider whether the said Town will relinquish their Claim to s^{d} Stone Meeting House as a Town (if they have any).

Moderator. The frehold^{rs} &c being assembled as afores^{d}, and after calling for their Valuations, proceeded & chose Mr Moses Belcher, Moderat^{r}.

Four hundred and Fifty pounds old ten^{r}. Voted, Defrey Town Charges &c £450 — And then went upon that of raising money to Defrey Town Charges, and after some Debate on & inquiry into the state of affairs, Voted, that four hundred & Fifty pounds old tenor, be assessed (on the Poles and other ratable Estates therefor, as far as it will goe.

The towns thanks to be returned to the Sessions for the pounds for mending the said Bridge And then proceeded to that of hearing the reporte of the Town's Agents in the affair of the Iron works Bridge, Petitioned for to be made a County Bridge, and after the s^{d} agents reporte made to the meeting, they reporting that the Justice of the Sessions had ordered that a consideration of Be for the repairing the said Bridge. the said meeting then Voted, that the s^{d} agents Return the Hon^{ed} Justices of the Sessions the said Towns thanks for the same, and that it be accepted by the s^{d} Town towards the repairing the same.

The Com^{ttee} then chose were Maj^{r}. William Hunt Capt Thos. Wales, Mr Ephm Thayer, Lt Richard Thayer, Mr John Ruggles, Mr Eben. Newcomb, Ens^{e}. David Bass, Meas^{rs} Eben^{r} Field & William Penniman. M^{r}. Rich^{d}. Brackett & Eben^{r}. Fiels to build A House for &c There reward stated &c And then went to that of Building a House for the Poor on the Towns Com^{on}, and on their Debate on that affair, it was moved to s^{d} meeting That the Old Stone Meeting might in some manner be made to serve in that case by some alteration, a Com^{ttee} being then Instantly appointed by said meeting, & Desired Directly to goe & view the same, & reporte again to this present meeting, what they should think advisable in the affair. The said Com^{ttee} Instantly going, returned, and by their report thought it not advisable to improve the said House, as proposed by alteration, But rather to pull down the said Stone Meet-

ing House, or make sale of it, and to build another in the same place, as proposed for To be Improved for the poor, as the said Town shall think best &c. And then after some further consideration & Debate thereon & upon motion made by Messrs Richard Brackett & Ebenezer Field to said meeting, That, if they would let them have the said stone meeting House, vizt all the Stones, Timber, with all therein & theiron and also Give them fifty pounds in Bills of Credit of the old tenor, (vizt in passable Bills of Credit Equivolent thereto) That then they would undertake and build the Town a Dubbel House on the [123] same spot where the s^{d} Stone Meeting House now Stands, vizt— build a house of Thirty six feets in Length & sixteen feets in breadth within Bord or Stud, they the said Brackett & Field to find the Timber Bord^{s}, Nails and all other Meterials necessary, & to frame, raise & Compleat & finish said House, in all parts, and respects at the cost & charge of the said Brackett and Field, by the first of March next coming, for wh^{ch} Service and costs they the said Brackett & Field to have, the said Old Stone Meeting House with all the stones Timber Bords, Nailes, or Whatsoever belongs to said house, In such sort, excepting only so many of the stons, as to stone a (small cellar under the house they are to build as aforesaid, and Fifty pounds in Bills of Credit of the old tenor — or in other passable Bills equivalent, also as aforesaid, put to vote, and it passed in the affirmative.

1747, Feb^{ry} 2^{d}.

Moderator. The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town Affairs, being Legaly assembled for the Transacting the affair Set fourth in the warrants vizt that of the request of M^{r}. John Wendall, relating to their petitioning the General Court &c. the Qualified Inhabitants being assembled as afores^{d} Proceeded & chose the Honble John Quincy Esqr. Moderator.

The Town being convened to consid^{r} the request of Capt John Wendall (of Boston) respecting the Colony Line, upon Meture consideration of that affair, The Town finding by publick Records that the said line has been fully settled, by the Great and General Court, Therefore, Voted, that it's unnecessary For them to Petition Said Court further thereupon, vizt. the s^{d} Vote so put, and it passed in the affirmative.

1747 March 7th.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers For the year 1748 &c

Moderator. Chose for Cler. Warrants. 1747 March 7th Note ye Moderator & Clerk entered before The Freehold^{rs} and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs, Being assemb^{ed} Proceeded and chose Maj^{r} W^{m}. Hunt, Moderator, & then Proceeded and chose vizt. Nominated & voted Richard Faxon Cler. (Note Here comes in the Warrants thro' oversight omitted above) for the Transacting such affairs of s^{d} Town The perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in the war-

rants were as follows. First, To chuse all such Town officers s^{d} Town for the year ensuing as The Laws of this Province Direct &c. Secondly, To chuse a County Treasurer. Thirdly, To consider of the request of several of the late Constables of s^{d} Town respecting some persons that have not paid their rates. Fourthly, To consid^{r} if a premium shall be allowed for the keeping of Bulls & boars, and for killing of Birds and Squirrels Fifthly, To consid^{r} of building a small Dwelling House for such poor person or persons [124] as ye s^{d} Town shall appoint on some part of ye land Commonly known by ye name of ye Town Commons. Sixthly, To consid^{r}. of the reporte or reports of any Com^{ttee} or Com^{ttees} of said Town and to act thereon as shall be thought proper. Seventhly, To consid^{r} of Chusing of such Com^{ttee} or Com^{ttees} as shall be necessary In any of the affairs of said Town. Eighthly, To Consider whether there shall be an allowance to those persons The said Town in the office of Constables for the year ensuing.

Voted, that five Select men this year & no less Selectmen — And then voted that there be five men chose to serve in the office off Select Men for the year ensuing, & then on a motion made to s^{d} meeting, Voted, that there be two Sellect Men chose to the North precinct, and two in the Middle precinct & one in the South precinct, and when the Votes were collected it appeared, That the persons chosen Select Men were as Follows. In the North precinct Select Men, Maj^{r} Joseph Crossby Lt John Adams. In ye Middle pre^{t}. Selectmen, Mr Sam^{ll} Niles jun^{r}. & William Penniman. In the South Precinct Select men, Capt Thomas Wales

Chose for Const^{les} accepted by vote of the Town. Benja Thayer Joseph Hayward & Benja. Owen. ye meeting adjourn^{d}. And then proceeded to that of Constables and when the Votes were Collected and sorted it appeared that the persons chose were Nathan Spear, Moses French, & John Niles, Cooper, For Moses French accepted by the Town Benja. Thayer, For Jno Niles accepted by the s^{d} Town Joseph Hayward. Brought back from ye adjournment on the 21st Instant March For Nathan Spear accepted by the Town vizt Benjamin Owen, and then the Moderator with consent of the Meeting adjourned The Meeting unto Monday the 21st. Day of this Instant March, at one of the Clock in the afternoon.

1747 March 21st.

The Town assembled on ye adjourn^{t} The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled (by adjournment from the seventh of This Instant March) & being assembled as afores^{d} and the Moderat^{r} that was chose on ye s^{d} seventh of this Instant being absent & by his Information (under his hand) being gone to Boston, The lines by him sent to s^{d} meeting were as follows.

Braintree March 21st. 1747.

To the Clerk. Maj^{r} Hunts. Letter &c

L^{t}. Richard Faxon Town Clerk. Sir, I desire you would Inform The Town at their meeting this day, that I am obliged To

be at Boston to day at twelve oth Clock and cant be at meeting — I desire the Town to proceed and chuse a Moderat^{r} and go on with the affairs of the Town.

So I remain the Towns Humble Servant,

A true record of the original } Willm Hunt.
℘ Richard Faxon Town Clerk }

Moderator. The Freeholders &c being as above s^{d} The Town Clerk then put the Question whether the meeting would proceed To chuse a Moderat^{r} the Question being put it pas^{t} in the affirmative, and then nominated & chose Dea. John Holbrook Moderat^{r}. &c.

Town Treasurer. And then proceeded nominated & chose the persons named in the Three Colloms following, to the respective offices noted on the back of each Inclusive. Town Treasurer Richard Faxon, & then Nathan Spear, made a motion to the meeting to accept Benja. Owen to serve Constable in His room put to vote and it passed in the affirmative, see above.

Surveyers of Highways. Joseph Neal Thomas Faxon Sam Penniman Eleazer Thayer. Jonathan Baxter. David Holbrook Junr. Jonathan Rawsson Zacha^{h} Marquand Nathaniel Thayer Daniel Thayer. Ens^{n} Sam^{ll} Wild Benja. Spear. Thomas Allen. Elijah Jordon. Jonathan Hayden. John Hayden Corp^{l}

Tything men Eben^{r} Adams Isiaah Thayer Es. Napth Thayer

[125] 1747 March 21st.

Brought over of Town Officers as follows in two Colums as Here First

Fence Viewers. Christopher Webb Samuel Ruggles, Samuel White ju^{r} Joseph Ludden Sec^{dus} Seth Porter, & Samuel Clark.

Hogreives. Benjamin Orcate James Nash, Thomas Fenton jun^{r}. John Field, John George, Ephraim Hunt, Thomas French jun^{r}. Samuel Chesman.

Surveyors of Timber &c. Thomas Vinton Joseph Neal John Clark.

Deer-reives. Joseph Porter & William Whitmarsh.

Sealers of Leather Micajah Allen & Jedadiah Bass.

Fire Wardens. Athurton Wales & Daniel Thayer jun^{r}

Voted Collected for &c a County Treasurer And then proceeded and Collected votes for a County Treasurer

Benja. Owen accepted for Nathan Spear Benja Owen to be allowed Ned Willson Town & province rate, in his list Joseph Hayward To be allowed Gordans Town & province rate in his list And then Nathan Spear made a motion to the meeting that Benja. Owen might be accepted in his room as Constable put to vote & it pas^{t} in the affirmative that s^{d} Benja. Owen be accepted Constable in the room of s^{d} Nathan Spear. And then Voted that Benja. Owen be allowed one pound & Eight Shillings old tenor on the Town & province Rate in his List for Edward Willson, & then Voted that Joseph Hayward be allowed one Pound thirteen shil-

lings old tenor on Gordans Town & province Rate in his list if it be so much.

Benja. Porter, also To be allowed s^{d} Gordens Town & province rate in his list John Clark to be allowed Christopher Dyer's Town & province rate in his list Benja. Thayer to be allowed in his list Voted, also That the Selectmen allow to Benja. Porter s^{d} Gordans Town & province Rate in his List & Voted, that the Selectmen allow John Clark, Christopher Dyer, The Town & province rate in His list, & then Voted, that the Selectmen allow Benja. Thayer His Town & province rate in his list.

The premium for Birds & Squirrels as last year but until Oct. 15th And then Voted, that the premium for birds & Squrrels be as that was last year, vizt nine pence per head for grown black Birds, two pence per head for young black birds heads, & six pence Per head for Ground Squirrels all in old tenor, from this time, until October fifteenth

Negative vote on ye affair of building a House on ye Com^{on}. The Question was then put Whether there shall be a small House Built, on some part of the said Towns Com^{on} for such poor as must be provided for by the said Town, put to vote and past in the Negative.

Voted 7 lbs to each Constable &c And then Voted that the Constables that shall serve the s^{d} Town, in the office of Constable the year coming be allowed seven Pounds each in old tenor at.

[126] 1748 May 16th.

A Representative chosen. Pursuant to the Precept Directed to the Select Men of Braintree, To assemble the Freehold^{rs} and other Inhabitants of the s^{d} Town that are Qualified for voting for a Representative &c (and by s^{d} warr^{ts} Directed Also) To assemble the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of s^{d} Town Qualified for voting in Town affairs &c) The said Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified for voting for a Representative &c being assembled Major Joseph Crossby one of the Selectmen put the Question to the meeting Whether there should be but one Representative chose to represent In the Great and General Court &c put to vote, & it past in the affirmative, and then after the votes were Collected & sorted Major William Hunt was Declared (by Lt John Adams one of the Selectmen) to be chosen ye Representative for s^{d} Town of Braintree &c.

And then on the day above said The freeholders and other Inhabitants of s^{d} Town of Braintree Qualified For Voting in Town affairs, being assembled for the Transacting of such perticular affairs as were contained in the Warrants which were as follows.

After a Moderator chosen, First to consid^{r} of raising money to Defrey the Towns Charges this present year. Secondly, To Chuse Town Officers if any are wanted. Thirdly, To consid^{r} of Chusing a Committee to settle accompts with The Town Treasurer. Fourthly, To consid^{r} & Determine about New building or repairing Iron works Bridge. Fifthly, To know the mind of the Town with respect to the School or Schools. Sixthly, To consid^{r}

whether it is necessary to take (some further action) care about Passage of the Fish up Manatiquod River. Seventhly, To consider whether the Town will doe anything further respecting the Old Stone Meeting House. Eighthly, To consid^{r} of the necessity of Building of a small House for the Town's Poor &c to Ord^{r} the building one if it shall be agreed to or concluded Necessary. Ninethly, To consider (& ord^{r}.) where the Town Meetings shall be for the Future or the present year

Moderator chose And the proceeded and chose the Honble John Quincy Esqr. Moderator.

Raising money Suspended — And then the Question was put wheth^{r} the raising of money be suspended at present by this meeting & after some Debate put to vote & it past in the affirmative — signifying that it might be proper to refer it to an other meeting &c

Disents entered against ye proceed of ye meeting And then sundry persons whose names are as follows appearing Declared there Disent against the proceedings of this meeting, and Desired the same to be entered vizt Mr Moses Belcher Wilson Marsh, Gregory Baxter, & John Marsh.

Voted to proceed on ye remaining perticulars in the Warrants And then the Moderator ask^{d}. the Question Whether the meeting will act on all the perticulars in the Warrants (for the calling of this meeting) except the first already suspended, put to Vote and it passed in the affirmative (as was after some Debate consented to. And then on a motion made by the meeting pass^{ed} to the Seventh article.

Voted to act no farther on ye affair of the old Stone Meeting House And then the question was put whether they would act further on the affair of the Old Stone Meeting House, put to vote and it past in the Negative.

Surveyers of Highways &c And then went to that of chusing Surveyers of High Ways, (some failing) Reestablished Zac^{h} Marquand, and then Nominated & chose Ensign Jno Bass, Ens^{n} David Bass, & Eliphelet Sawing.

& then a Com^{ttee} chose to settle accompts w ye Town Treasurer Nominated & Seperately Voted the Honble Jno Quincy Esqr. Jos Crossby Esqr. & Dea. John Holbrook a Com^{ttee} to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer

Chose ye Selectmen a Com^{ttee} to petition ye Court again &c And then Voted That the Selectmen be a Com^{ttee} again to prefer a Petition to the Court of Quarter Sessions that the Iron works Bridge (so called) may be made a County Bridge &c.

Voted that the Representative of this town prefer a petition In ye affair of ye Fish And then Voted that the Representative of this town, Put in a petition to the General Court that something may be obtained to prevent the unreasonable meathod, that sometime since have been used, whereby it is conceived That the smal Fish have been fritened & prevented in their passing up the Iron works alias Manatiquod River, that all such practices & Devices may be prevented for the future &c

Voted y^{t} ye Town Meetings be in ye Middle prec^{t} And then went to that of Determining where the Town Meetings shall be held for the future or this present year, and then after some Debate thereon Voted That the Town Meetings be held in the Middle precinct the present year.

[127] 1748, Augt. 22^{d}.

The Fre-hold^{rs} & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in Town affairs being assembled, Proceeded on the affairs Hereafter expressed, as they were expressed in the Warrants which were as Follows First, To consid^{r} of raising Money for the Defreying of the Charges of the said Town this present year. Secondly, To consid^{r} of calling in Such part (or the whole) of the s^{d} Town's Money now at Interest to pay the Debts of the s^{d} Town, now on demand, with the extraordinary Demands (on ye s^{d} Town) as ye s^{d} Town shall think reasonable. Thirdly, To Consider further what may be necessary to be done by the said Town Respecting the Iron work Bridge. Fourthly To Consid^{r} of an allowance to ye South precinct as of Late has been done, in ye affair of ye School. Fifthly, To bring in their Valuations as the Law Directs.

Moderator. The s^{d} freehold^{rs} &c being assemb^{d}. as above s^{d} proceed^{d} & Chose ye Honble Jno Quincy Esqr Moderator

A Negative vote on ye adjourning ye meeting before further proceedings. And then on a motion made by some of the meeting that the s^{d} meeting might be adjourned and not to proceed further at this time in ye affair of this meeting, and after some Debate thereon, the Question was put whether this meeting shall be adjourn^{d} to some other time without any further proceeding on the affairs mentioned in ye warrants at present, put to vote & it pas^{t} in ye Negative.

An affirmative Vote for calling in the Towns Money at interest & ye Town Treasurer to pay ye Ord^{rs} therewith as they shall be Drawn on him &c And then proceeded to that of calling in the s^{d} Towns Bonds vizt Money on bonds now at Interest, and then after some Debate thereon, ye Mod^{r} put the question whether the said Towns Money now at Interest shall be all called into the Treasury of the s^{d} Town by the present Treasurer (of s^{d} Town) and Improved by the s^{d} Treasurer in paying such ord^{rs} as shall be drawn on him (ye s^{d} Treasurer,) by the Selectmen of said Town from time to time put to vote & it pas^{t} in ye affirmative.

& then Voted, That four hundred pounds old tenor be assessed on the poles & other Ratable Estats of the Inhabitants of this Town, also for the Defreying the Charges of s^{d} Town &c.

A Com^{ttee} chose who with the Selectmen To view & reporte on ye affaire of ye Bridge Then Voted That a Committee of five men be chosen to, and that they with the Selectmen go and view manatiquod vizt ye Bridge Called the Iron Worke Bridge and Report to ye Town at ye adjournment of this meeting, What may be best to be Done in ye affair of s^{d} Bridge at Present, & then seperately Voted that the Honble Jno. Quincy, Mr Eph^{m}. Thayer,

Maj^{r} Willm Hunt, Lt Richard Thayer, & Richard Faxon, Be a Com^{ttee} & with the Selectmen to view & report in ye affair of s^{d} Bridge as afore s^{d}

ye South pre^{t} allowed The meeting adjourned & then Voted, That the South Precinct be allowed a proportionable part, of the School Money, and then the Moderator with ye consent of ye meeting adjourned ye meeting to Monday the Twenty ninth of Augt. Currant at five of ye clock in ye afternoon at this place Those that were then present being Desired to inform others.

1748, Augt 29th.

The Com^{ttee} reporte. Lt Richard Thayer untertaking to mend the Iron work Bridge for £30 — old tenor Lt Richard Thayer, allowed £30 he finding Timber & doing ye work of the Bridge.

The Freehold^{rs} & other Qualified Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree &c Being assembled by adjournment from the twenty second of Augt. Currant (to here the reporte of the Com^{ttee} & Select mens report &c. the reporte being to this purpose that they were of the mind that it might be best for ye Town speedily to cause Something to be done to strengthen the s^{d} Iron Work Bridge which they, they the s^{d} Com^{ttee} were of the mind might be done by placing two good pieces of Timber under the spring peices — viz one at end within the wharf work, or butments next ye water course, the s^{d} pieces of timber to be not less than ten inches square, with three posts to under prop each piece, s^{d} posts to be not less than eight inches square, all to be well placed & fastened in s^{d} pieces By good & Strong tenones, with four braces or gurts from the s^{d} under Layers vizt. to be well framed in, from one of ye s^{d} under layers into ye other, and then after some further Debate Lt Richard Thayer then present in s^{d} meeting presented to ondertake to find the timber & todoe the Worke & to Compleat the same in a months time from ye afores^{d} Twenty ninth day of Augt Currant, vizt To find & bring good Timber of the Dimensions afores^{d} vizt two pieces of ten inches squar for under layers, and six posts of eight inches Square with suitable Timber for the braces, or gurts, and to doe or procure the whole to be done, vizt well done by the time afore s^{d}. vizt in a months time from the afore s^{d} 29th day of Augt Currant, for & in consideration of Thirty pounds old tenor (to be paid him when the work is done, he finding meterials & doing or Causing ye s^{d} work to be Done by the said [128] Time, The Moderat^{r} put the Question wheth^{r} Lt Richard Thayer shall be allowed thirty pounds old tenor, Provided he shall find the Timber, vizt cause all such Timber to be brought to place & doe the work by the time vizt within one month from the 29th. day of Augt Curr^{t} afores^{d}. put to vote & it passed in the affirmative

1748 Feb^{ry}. 21st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified By Law for voting in Town Affairs, being assembled for the Transacting such affairs of s^{d} Town the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows, vizt. After a

Moderat^{r} chosen. First, To Take some proper method to prevent the extraordinary Wast Committed on the Town's Common Secondly, To consid^{r} of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to prosecute such as Have or Shall Trespass by cutting or Carrying off wood, or stones from said Town's Common's. Thirdly, To Consider & Determine whether said Com^{ttee} shall have Liberty To Draw money by orders out of the Town's Treasury to carry on such prosecutions, or to sell Stones off from said Common to Defrey said charge. Fourthly, To Conside^{r} & Determine Whether all the Legal Inhabitants in said Town that have arived to the age of Twenty one years shall share in the profits that shall arise on said Common.

Moderator. The freehold^{rs} & other Qualified Inhabitants assembled as above s^{d} Proceeded and chose ye Honble John Quincy Esqr. Moderator, &c.

A Negative vote on ye cutt^{g} & Carrying of wood or Stones And then proceeded, the Moderator (on a motion made by s^{d} meeting, Put the Question whether any limits or Restrictions shall be Laid, to prevent the Cutting & carrying of wood, or the getting & carrying off of Stones from the Town's Commons. put to vote and it passed in the Negative.

1748 March 6th.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers, for the year 1749 &c.

1748 March 6th. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town Affairs being assembled for The Transacting such affairs of the s^{d} Town, The perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants were as follows. First To chuse all such Town officers as the Law Directs to be chosen annually &c Secondly, To Here and Consider of the Report of the Selectmen concerning any Town Ways Laid out by the Select men, or the request of any other person concerning any way or ways. Thirdly, To Consid^{r} of & Determine of some suitable place or places for the erecting of a pound or pounds for the Towns use. Fourthly To consid^{r} of what may be further necessary to be done & of some suitable method in Regulating the School or Schools In this Town &c. Fifthly, To consid^{r} of taking some effectual method to prevent any unnecessary charge being expended on the Town ways. Sixthly, To consid^{r} whether a premium shall be allowed to any Number of Persons that shall keep Bulls or Boars. Seventhly, To consid^{r} of allowing a premium for the killing of birds & Squrrells. [129] Eighthly, To here & Determine concerning the Lists of Jurors Drawn by the Selectmen. Ninthly, To conside^{r} of any accompt that may be exhibited to ye Towns consideration. and then the freeholders &c proceeded to that of chusing a Mod^{r}.

Moderator And then on sundry motions made & the method of Chusing for sometime Debated the (Selectmen) called for their votes for a Moderator, the votes being collected & sorted, Majo^{r} William Hunt was Declared Moderator being chose by a majority of votes.

Town Clerk. And then after some further Debate on the method of chusing a cler, the Moderator Call^{ed} for their votes for a Cler, which being Collected & sorted Richard Faxon was Declared to be chose Town Cler. &c.

And then proceeded to that of Selectmen the vots being Collected and sorted it appeared that the several persons named in The first Collom at the Left hand were chosen.

Selectmen. vizt. L^{t}. John Adams, Lt Benja. Beal, Mr Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r} William Penniman, and Aaron Hayward

Treasurer. and then proceeded to that of Town Treasurer chose Richard Faxon.

Constables chose And then proceeded to chuse Constables & the votes being collected & sorted it appeared that, Sam^{ll}. Baxter James Penniman, & Aaron Hayward were chosen &c

after The Town accepted viz. by vote as follows, for James Penniman, vizt in his room Benja. Thayer, and Benja. Owen in ye room of Sam^{ll} Baxter

A premium to be allowed as usual &c And then proceeded to that of a premium to be allowed to those that shall serve the Town in the office of Constable, For the ensuing year. The Moderator then put the Question whether seven pounds old tenor, as usual shall be allowed To each person that shall serve the s^{d} Town in the s^{d} office The year ensuing put to vote & it passed in the affirmative.

Aaron allowed &c Aaron Hayward allowed to give answer at the adjournment.

The meeting adjourned to the 7th Curr^{t} And then the Moderator put the vote whether the meeting shall be adjourned to the seventh day of March Currant, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative.

1748 March 7th.

The Freehold^{rs}. being assembled by adjournment from the sixth currant &c proceeded to chuse the person to the respective offices as follows, by nomination & vote &c. vizt First Surveyers of Highways.

Surveyers of Highways Seth Bass, Moses Pain Charles Baxter William Adams, Benja. Savel, Edward Faxon, Thomas Vinton, Lt Thomas Hollis Nehemiah Hayden, John Holbrook Junr. James Faxon, Joseph Arnold Lt Samul Vinton Amos Stetson, Joseph Hayward Ephraim Hunt Samuel Clark.

And then on an objection made against

and the objection made against chusing by hand Votes Since they had urged written votes &c the Quest^{n} was put whether the rest of the Town Officers shall be chosen by written votes put to vote and it past in ye Negative.

Tythingmen Seth Copeland Eben^{r}. Copeland & Nath Belch^{r}

Fence Viewers, Jos. Nightingal Sam^{ll} Hayward Cor^{nt} Caleb Hobart John Wild Cor^{nt}. Jno Hayden Deering Spear.

Survey^{rs} of Timber Benja. Baxter, Thos. Vinton, Jno Clark

Seal^{rs} of Leath^{r} Mica. Allen

Deerreives Jn° White & Jonath Wild jun^r.
Fire Wardens Benja. Silves^r Danl Thayer.

[130] 1748, March 7th
And then proceeded to that of Chusing Hogreives & chose Hogreives John Sanders, Moses Penniman, Jonath^n Thayer, Benja. Thayer Sec^dus Willm Linfield Jr & Jn° Spear Ter^us.

The affair of a way Into ye Com^on by ye wid. Capen's Dismist. And proceeded to that of Town ways and after a paper read about a way Into the Town Com^on Leading Down by the Wid. Ruth Capens Debated on it & Dismist that affair.

That thro. Benja. Frenches Land accepted, see ye report entered after ye other affairs of ye Meeting Compare this with that page 112 And the Debated the affair of the Town way Thro. Benjamin Frenches Land, the said return read & accepted vizt put to vote and It past in the affirmative. see said report enter^d after ye other affairs of s^d meeting.

And then took into consideration that parragraft of the Town way thro. Benja. Haywards & the Crans Lands heretofore acted upon in part see Back page 112 read also accepted — see the towns act on page 112 back vizt Said parragraft put to Vote and it past in the affirmative.

This referred to May meeting & ye affair also of ye School referred And then went to that of erecting a Town pound, Debated on it & refered it to May Meeting, Desiring the Selectmen to view the old pound & report at May Meeting.

The affair of The Schools also refered to May meeting &c.

The Surveyors to have no allowance for Blowing rocks And then went to that of preventing unnecessary Charges Being expended on the Town ways, the Moderator put the Question whether any of the Surveyers of the Town shall have any allowance for blowing of Rocks, put to vote & it Past in the Negative.

No allowance for Bulls or boars. And then went to that of allowing a premium for bulls & boars, put to vote & it past in ye Negative.

For birds & Squr^els. as last year, vizt 9^d for old ones 2^d for young ones 6^d for Ground Squrrels, all old tenor And then went to that of killing Birds & Squrrels, and after some Debate thereon, the Question was put whether the Premium to be allowed for birds & Squrrels shall be as it was Last year, put to vote & it past in the affirmative, vizt. that nine pence per head for grown black birds heads, two pence for young ones heads & six pence for ground Squrrels heads carried in to ye Selectmen from this time until ye fifteenth of October next all in old tenor.

Juror Lists accepted. And then proceeded to that of the Lists of Juriors, and after the reading of them, put to vote whether they should be accepted, and after some Debate thereon Past in the affirmative.

A Committee chose in the affair of the Bridge. And then went to that of accompts, then the meeting on a motion made on the Surveyers accompt in ye affair of the Bridge over the River Into

Cochata, Voted, that a Com^{ttee} be chose to view the (work done) viz. The Timber, and to settle the same with ye Surveyer, vizt. Eliphalet Sawin, or, report to the meeting, and then nominated & Seperately Voted, Capt Ebenez^{r} Thayer, Ens^{n} Jno Hunt, Ens^{n} Sam^{ll}. Wild, Ebenezer Newcomb & Jno Curtis, be a Com^{ttee} in ye s^{d} affair.

Hayward released from serving Const^{l}. And then on motion made to said meeting to see if Aaron Hayward might Be released from serving the Town as Constable the ensueing year. Put to vote and it past in the affirmative.

Braintree March 1748

And here follows ye Selectmens return of the way thro. Benja. Frenches Land. Braintree February ye 16th. 1748. At the desire of Benja. French & Others, We the Subscribers have reviewed the Towns way through the land of s^{d} French & others Leading from Nathaniel Blanchers, Westerly towards Sam^{ll}. Thayers, & are of the opinion That ye Towns way be continued & Improved through s^{d} lands for the Future as it now is & has been for many years past vizt. one rod and half wide, or more if the Town thinks fit &c.

A true Coppy of s^{d} return
Signed,
Att^{e}. Richard Faxon Town Cler.

John Adams.
Thomas Wales.
Willm Penniman.
Sam^{ll}. Niles Junr.
Selectmen.

[131] 1749 May 22^{d}

A Representative. Pursuant to the Precept For the Choice of a Representative &c. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal Warning &c. after the Meeting was opened Proceeded & chose Major William Hunt, Representative &c.

Warrants. Also there being a Meeting warned to be on the day above s^{d} for the Transacting such other affairs of the s^{d} Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows. First, To Chuse a Constable in the South Part of the Town as usual. Secondly, To Consid^{r} of Raising Money necessary for the Defreying the Charges of the s^{d} Town this present year &c. Thirdly, To Here & consid^{r} of the Reporte of the Selectmen, or any of the Towns Com^{ttees} & to Determine there on as they shall think necessary. Fourthly, To Consid^{r} & Direct to some agreeable method for the School or Schools in said Town, To the best advantage &c. Fifthly, To Consider of building A New pound, or pounds, that may be convenient For the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town, if it shall be thought proper. Sixthly, To Consider of the petition of sundry of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town about a Town way from the Road by Sam^{ll} Vesey's to Jonath^{n} Porter's, & the way from said way (along by the House of Ens^{n} Alexander French, Decea^{d}. To the Middle swamp way & to Chuse a Com^{ttee} to view & report on the same.

Moderator. And then being assembled, proceeded & chose the Honble. Jno. Quincy Esqr. Moderator.

Atherton Wales, chose Constable But afterwards was released And then proceeded to that of chusing Constables, & when the Votes were Collected & sorted, it appeared that Atherton Wales was chose to ye s^{d} office, and then on a motion made to the meeting, of some Difficult Surcumstances that he had Lately been under & still was something Dubious of his recovery, moved that he might Released from s^{d} Service, & then Voted that the s^{d} Atherton Wales above s^{d} Be released from serving in the office of Constable this present year.

& then Deering Spear was chose To ye s^{d} office And then again their Votes were called for, for a Constable & the Votes Therefor being Collected & sorted it appeared that Deering Spear was Chose to s^{d} office &c (but he not being there as could be learn^{d}. his mind could not be known.

A Com^{ttee} chose To view ye s^{d} Wayes And then went to that about ways And after a representation made by some persons there & the meeting Had, had some Debate on the same, proceeded & chose (Dea.) Jno Holbrook Ens^{n} Sam^{ll} Wild & Willm Penniman be a Com^{ttee} to goe and view the s^{d} ways & to report thereon &c.

The North & Middle Precincts to have but one School The South precinct To draw their proportion And then went to that of the Schools, and after some inquiry & Debate on ye affair of the Schools, & then Voted, that but one School Be kept this present year for the service of the North and Middle precincts of s^{d} Town, also, Voted, that the South precinct draw their proportion of School Money as heretofore for some time &c.

112 – 10 – 00 new tenor Voted Towards paying the Town Charges. £112 = 10 = 0 And then went to that of raising Money to Defrey the Town Charges, and the Question was put whether One hundred and twelve pounds and ten Shillings, New tenor shall be assessed on The rateable Inhabitants thereof for the paying the s^{d} Town Charges, put to Vote & it passed in y^{e} affirmative

[132] 1749 May 22^{d}.

Eliphilet Sawin To be allowed Sixty pounds old tenor The Select to take care to build a pound And then some of ye Com^{ttee} making a report to ye meeting on ye affair of The Bridges mended Last year by Eliphilet Sawin one of the Surveyers of High Ways, & then Voted that the s^{d} Eliphilet Sawin be allowed Sixty pounds old tenor for the mending the Bridges settled for by the Com^{ttee} as by the reporte by s^{d} Com^{ttee} So made (see the s^{d} report below) vizt after the enterry of the following Vote — & then Voted, That the Selectmen take care that a New pound, be built for the use of the Inhabitants of this Town, & as near the Middle precinct Meeting House, as they can find a Convenient place for the same but Not to carry it further Southward &c. (and to build it with Wood.

The Com^{ttees} reporte, In ye affair of ye Bridges, vizt that over the River above Thayer & Haydens Mills &c The Reporte of the Com^{ttee} above mentioned in the affair of the Bridges mended by s^{d}

Eliphilet Sawin &c chose March 7th. 1748, see page 130 back &c. Their report is as follows vizt We the subscribers being a Com^ttee Chosen By the Town to treat with M^r. Eliphilet Sawin for what servis he Hath done in repairing (ye two Bridges, leading into Cochato) and met with him there and considered the affair and are of the mind that he is worthy of Sixty pounds old tenor.

Braintree April 10th. 1749.

A true entery of the s^d return (as to the sense or meaning as I understood the same.

Signed { Ebenezer Thayer. Sam^ll. Wild Ebenez^r Newcomb.

Att^e. Richard Faxon, Town Cler.

1749 Augt 14th

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in Town Affairs, Being Legaly assembled For the Transacting such affairs of the s^d town, the perticulars Whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants, were as follows. Fist To bring in to the assessors their Valuations as the Law Directs. Secondly, To reconsid^r any vote or votes passed at a meeting the twenty second Day of May Last. Thirdly, To Determine where the Town Meetings shall be held for the future. Fourthly, To here the reporte of the Town's Committee & act thereon. Fifthly, To Resolve upon a method for the Warning of Town Meetings for ye time to come. Sixthly, To Chuse a Constable in the South precinct as has been usual (&c)

Moderator. And then proceeded & chose W^m. Hunt Esqr. Moderator, ye valuations Being called for they proceeded & then

A Negative vote on reconsidering any votes on May meeting. The Question being put Whether any vote or votes that passed at the meeting of the Town on the 22^d day of May last past, shall be reconsidered, after some Debate the Question was put as afore s^d & it passed in ye Negative.

Voted, That the Town Meetings be held in ye mid^le prec^t &c And then passed to that of Town Meetings & after Debate thereon Voted, that the Town Meetings be Heild in the Middle precincts For one year ensuing, proceeded and then

ye affairs of ways in ye South precinct refered Voted, That the reporte of the Com^ttee Last Chose to view the ways In the South precinct be refered to next March meeting.

Town meetings to be warned by ye Constables And then the affair of Warning Meetings being Debated Voted, that Town Meetings be warned by ye Constables as has been usual

Deering Spear chosen Constable And then their votes for a Constable being called for & Collected It appeared that Deering Spear was chosen to s^d office

Atherton Wales released. Omitted above Atherton Wales first Chosen Constable, but was upon application released by Vote of s^d meeting.

[133] Anno. Dom. 1749.
1749 Augt 14th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree That were Qualified for voting in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal Warning, for the Transacting such affairs of ye said Town the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in Warrants were as follows. After a Moderator Chosen, To Consider and resolve upon some suitable & effectual method To prevent & hinder the carring off wood & Stones from off the Town's Common, & also to prevent & hinder persons fencing in & so Improving any part thereof & to chuse a Com^{ttee} Those that have

Moderator. Proceeded and chuse Wm Hunt, Esq. Moderator.

A restriction Laid on ye cutting wood on ye Common. After a considerable Debate had thereon, the Question was put whether the Town will now consider of any Limitations & Restrictions with respect to the wood & Stones In ye Towns Common, it passed in the affirmative. And then Voted, that none of the Inhabitants of the Town shall be, Allowed to fell, cut or carry away any Trees, poles, wood or under wood Whatsoever growing or standing on said Common, untill the Town at a meeting for that purpose appointed shall Give Leave therefor.

The Digging or Carrying of Stones off of ye Towns Common restreigned Also, Voted, That none of said Inhabitants of the Town shall be allowed on any account whatsoever to Digg, or Carry off any Stones from the said Common without Leave first obtained from a Committee — for that purpose to be appointed or a major part of them & that upon any person or persons acting Contrary hereunto they shall be Deamed Trespassers.

The Com^{ttee} not to Dispose of any Stones but what they sell &c And then, vizt the Question was put whether it shall be in the power of the said Committee (and they are hereby Impowered and Directed) upon application to them made by any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of this Town, To allow or and give them leave to Digg and carry off such Quantity of Stones as they may have occasion for, from the said Common, Provided the said Stones are to be made use of, for fencing or Building within the limits of the Town, put to vote and it passed in the Negative.

The Com^{ttee} to sell Stones To account with ye Town Treas^{r} at every six months end & then to pay in the Money by them Received &c And then Voted, that it shall be in the power of said Com^{ttee} or a Major part of them, and they are hereby Impowered and Directed to make sale of any quantity of stones in the said common, as they may judge proper, they setting the price, and that the said Committee shall be obliged to account with the Town Treasurer for the time being, at the end of every six months, for the money by them Received for the Stones So Sold, and to pay it to the said Treasurer, at the same time for the use of the Town.

And then (seperately) Voted, the persons named as follows, to serve as a Com^{ttee} (to serve) in the said affair, vizt. Measu^{rs} Thomas Wales, John Adams, John French, Jonathan Wild and

James Penniman, vizt were chosen a Committee to manage the affairs aforementioned.

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& then Voted, that the s^{d} Committee be, and they are hereby fully authorized & Impowered at the charge of the Town to prosecute in the Law any Person or persons whatsoever, who shall contrary to the true Intent and meaning of the foregoing Votes, cutt or carry a Way any Wood or Digg or carry off, any Stones from the said Common.

1749, March 5th.
The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town officers, for the year, Seventeen Hundred Fifty.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants (Qualified for voting in Town Affairs) of the Town of Braintree Being asembled on Legal Warning for the Transacting such affairs of the Town the perticulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants were as follows, After a Moderator chosen.

First, To Chuse all such Town officers for the ensuing year as by Law Directed. Secondly, To here the reports of the Selectmen, & also such reports as may be then made by the said Towns Committees or any of concerning Town ways, or any other affairs of said Town, and to act on any such reports as the town at said Meeting shall then think fit. Thirdly, To Conside^{r} what method shall be proceeded upon for warning Town Meetings for the future (or year ensuing). Fourthly, To Consid^{r} of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to examine into the State of the Treasury, and to report thereon to the Town at their next Town meeting. Fifthly, To Consid^{r} & resolve on some such method as may be satisfactory To the Town in the affair of Regulating the School (or Schools) In the said Town. Sixthly, To Consid^{r} what sum may be allowed per year to the Town Treasurer for the time past not yet Determined. Seventhly, To Consid^{r} if it may be necessary to Chuse a Com^{ttee} to take proper methods to prevent any unreasonable to, or Destruction of ye Fish in their passage up the Iron work or manatiquod River so called, and to pursue any prudent method in all respects whatsoever to effect the same, in all such measures, & in all that relates thereto. Eighthly, To Consid^{r} Whethe^{r} there shall be a premium allowed for Bulls & Boars the ensuing year. Ninethly, To Consid^{r} whether there shall be a premium allowed for killing Birds and squrrels the ensuing year. Tenthly, To Consid^{r} of a request that Dea. Jno Adams may then offer to the Town about altering a way, or the Town way through his Land in the South precinct.

Moderator The freeholders & other Inhabitants &c as above s^{d} being assembled proceeded & chose the Honble Jno Quincy Esqr. Moderator.

Town Clerke. And then proceeded and by vote chose Richard Faxon Town Clerke

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Selectmen. And then proceeded to that of Chusing Select Men and after the votes were Collected & sorted it appeared that vizt. Lt John Adams Samuel Bass, Capt Ebenezer Thayer Mr Samuel Niles Junr. & Lt Joshua Hayward were chosen.

Constables Chose for Constables, John Baxter, Benja. French & Aaron Hayward

Town Treasurer Voted, Richard Faxon Town Treasurer.

The Com^ttee report Read & accepted The s^d Treasurer Discharged of the s^d sum of £1471 = 2 = 11 old tenor & further accountable for y^e s^d sum of £597 = 6 = 10—old tenor Com^ttee Jno Quincy Jos. Crossby, Esq^rs & Capt Jno Holbrook And then proceeded to that of hearing the Selectmens and Com^ttees reports — then the Com^ttee Last appointed to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer made their Report, which was then read in the s^d Town Meeting, and the Question was put whether the said Treasurer Richard Faxon Be (according to the tenor expressed in the s^d report) Discharged of the said sum of one Thousand four hundred seventy one pounds, Two shillings & Eleven pence old tenor, & be further accountable for the s^d sum of Five hundred ninety-seven pounds, six Shillings & ten pence old tenor also according to the Balance made in s^d Reporte (which reporte is Dated March 5th. 1749/50, & Signed by Jno Quincy, Joseph Crossbey Esq^rs. & Capt Jno Holbrook, Com^ttee put to vote and it passed in the affirmative. see s^d Report entered at Large after the other affairs of this Meeting &c.

Ways reported of &c And then went upon that of Town ways, see them entered at Large after the other affairs of this meeting &c

And then went again to that of Town Officers nominated & chose as follows.

Surveyors of Highways, Willson Marsh, Samuel Ruggles John Mills Samuel Savel jun^r, John George, Thomas Faxon, William White William Whitmarsh John Hayward Lemuel Thayer Mr. Samuel Niles jun^r Samuel Wild jun^r Ens^n Nathaniel French Noah Whitcomb Alexander French Jonathan Hayden Clement Crane. Fence Viewers, Samuel White James Thayer Samuel Belcher Benja. Cleverly Jonathan Wild Junr Sealers of Leather, Mica. Allen Jedediah Bass Deerreives John White Jonathan Wild 2^d Fire wardens Daniel Thayer, Benja. Silvester. Hogreives David French William Field jun^r Ebenezer Crane.

Tythingmen, William Wild, Peter Adams, Nehemiah White

Surveyors of Timber &c. Thomas Vinton, Benjamin Baxter John Clarke

The Selectmen^s (or Com^ttees) report under y^er Hands, of a line settled betwixt ye Towns Com^mon & ye lands of Josiah Faxon, referred to May meeting.

The affair of the Schools refered And then went upon that of the Schools & after some Debate refered it to ye next Town Meeting

The Treasurer's allowance refered also ye State of ye Treasury Also refered the affair of the consideration of ye Treasurers allow-

ance, to ye next Town meeting &c. as also that of chusing a Com^{ttee} To examine into ye State of ye Treasury &c

The affair of ye Town Meetings all refer, &c Also, the affair of warning Town Meetings, all refered &c

[136] The affair of ye way Thro' Dea. Adams Land &c Voted, That ye Selectmen Settle the affair of altering the way Thro' his Land, vizt Dea. John Adames Land in the South precinct.

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A Com^{ttee} chose in ye affair of the fish And then went to that of Chusing a Com^{ttee} to see that no unreasonable methods be practised to the hinderance of the Fish in their passage up the Iron work, alias Manatiquod River & then Seperately, Voted, that Jonathan Allen, William Penniman & Amos Stetson Be a Com^{ttee} in the affair aforesaid.

No allowance for keeping Bulls or boars. And then the Question was put whether a premium shall be allowed To any person or persons for an Incouriagment for the keeping of Bulls or boars the ensuing year, put to vote and it passed in the Negative.

Also no allowance f killing birds or Squrrels. Also the Question was put Whether there shall be any allowance made For the killing of birds & Squrrels the ensuing year, put to vote, and it passed in the Negative.

This report read put to vote to see if it should be accepted & It passed in the Negative The report or return of one of the Towns Com^{ttees} under their hands is as follows — Whereas we the subscribers, were chosen at a General Town Meeting upon ye 22^{d} day of May 1749, To view the Town's way Leading from ye way by David Eames's Through the Lands of Ephraim Thayer, Sam^{ll} Hayden & others, To the Country road in ye South precinct, Leading To ye Meeting House in s^{d} precinct. Laid out by Sam^{ll}. Baxter, Richard Thayer & William Hunt, Selectmen in the year 1732, as by ye town record In that affair may more fully & at Large appear, and to report to ye town Thereon, pursuant to that order of ye Town. Wee have carefully Viewed ye said way, & are of the opinion that ye Town relinquish & Discontinue the said way as an open way, but that it be used & Improved as a Drift way for ye passing to meeting & mill if ye Town shall think fit &c.

Braintree July ye 12th. 1749.

Signed { John Holbrook, Samuel Wild, William Penniman } Com^{ttee}.

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The above Return or Report Read in Town Meeting & the Question was put whether it be accepted, put to vote and it passed in the Negative.

A true entery of the said report and of The Meetings proceeding thereon. Att^{t} Richard Faxon
Town Cler.

Also a report of the Select Men of the Town of Braintree To the Town now assembled.

Braintree June 24th. 1748. at ye request of several of the Inhabitants of said Town, We the subscribers as ye Law Directs Layed out a Town way, one rod & half wide, and bounded it as followeth.

This report read In the sd Town meeting on ye day above sd & was accepted with a proviso vizt, That there be no demmands made on ye Town either for ye Lands on which ye sd way goes or for Fencing it Begining at North west corner of Jonathan Porter's Land runing unto a Cedar post in Peter Thayer's fence near ye South East corner of said Thayer's orchard. Thence runing to a pine stake in said Thayers Land. Thence runing to a White Oak post in said fence, both posts being marked and standing on the west side of ye way, thence as ye way now is used To John French's land & thro' sd French's land, To & thro' ye River on the North West side of a Large rock which lyeth near ye South side of said River, from thence as ye way is now used, To a large black oak stump with a stone thereon, sd stump standing on ye Topp of ye hill; thence To a black oak tree where ye way is now used, To & thro' Alexander French's land where it has been many years Improved, to & on the Saw Mill Dam, on condition yt one side of ye way thro' sd Alexanders Land be fenced with a Lawfull fence, by the Neighbors or others, and from said Dam to & thro' a shere of Land belonging To the Heirs of Dependence French Deceased as the way is now used, To an open way so given and used by the Proprietors there adjoyning.

Signed John Adams, Thomas Wales, Samll Niles jur } Selectmen.

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The Report read and accepted with ye said proviso. The foregoing report was Read in sd meeting on the day above sd & accepted, Provided That there be no Demands made on the Town either for the Land that the way goes on, or for fencing the same &c.

A true Entry of ye sd report, and of the sd meetings Proceeding thereon: Attt Richard Faxon Town Cler.

Braintree Febry ye 1st. 1749.

A report of us ye Subscribers to ye Town of Braintree Now assembled, at ye request of sundry of ye Inhabitants of sd Town. We the subscribers Layd out a Town way: and began at ye Northeast corner of David Sloan's land which is in ye third lot in ye sixth Division of purchasd Land's, thence on ye line between Benja. Spears and Ebenezer Spear, thence on ye line between Ebenezer Spear & Benja. Spear jur, untill we come to David Sloans Land tract of Land on which sd Sloan's Dwelling House stands thence on ye line between sd Sloan & sd Benja. Spear jun, until We come to a black oak tree standing near sd line Markd with ye Letter (R) and from sd tree a Straite Course Thro' ye Land belonging to sd Benja. Spear junr, To ye

North west Corner of Jonathan Dyers land, & thence between s^{d} Benja. Spear jun & Jonathan Dyer until we come to Co^{ll}. Sam^{ll} Millers land and thence a due East course thro' s^{d} Millers land, & thence on ye line between s^{d} Miller & Sam^{ll} White of Weymouth until it comes to Micah Whites Land, & thence on ye line between s^{d} Co^{ll} Miller & s^{d} Micah White untill we come to ye town way near s^{d} Micah White's Dwelling House. The Lines above mentioned to be in ye Middle of s^{d} way, and said way to be one rod and half wide

Read and accepted with ye proviso that no Demands be made no ye town neither for land on which said way goes, or fence. Also at the request of several of ye Inhabitants of s^{d} Town we laid out a Town way from ye Meeting House in the South precinct of s^{d} town begining Near ye East End of s^{d} Meeting House, Thro. Lt Sam^{ll} Vintons land to & on ye line between Benja. & Seth Porter, thence thro. s^{d} Seth Porter's land The Same Course with s^{d} line, thence thro. Sam^{ll} Veasey's land where ye Way now goes, thence thro. Elijah Jordans land, where ye way is now used Thence thro. Ebenezer Pains Land where ye way is Improved, Thence thro. Jonathan Haydens land almost a Direct course to said Hayden's Dwelling House, and thence on ye East side of a rock in s^{d} Hayden's Land by s^{d} Hayden's fence, To & thro. Joseph Haywards land, where ye way is now used, thence thro. Ebenezer Niles' land where, The way is now Improved, thence thro. Ephraim Hayward's land as the way is now used to ye South East corner of Benja. Spears orchard, Thence thro. s^{d} Benja. Spears land at ye east end of s^{d} orchard, & from the North East Corner of s^{d} orchard strate to a small Walnut tree, Standing on ye West side of s^{d} Way Mark^{d} with the Letter (W) thence straite to Land belonging to ye Heirs of Sam^{ll} Belcher Late of s^{d} Braintree, Deceased, to a black oake Tree Standing on ye East side of s^{d} way & Mark^{d}. with ye Letter (W) Thence Streight to the West End of Aaron Hayward's Barn & thence to ye West end of s^{d} Haywards Corn house there opening into ye Town Way, The above s^{d} way To be two rodds wide if the Town & proprietors think proper.

Sam^{ll} Niles jun^{r}, } Select.
Willm. Penniman } men.
Aaron Hayward }

These two Last reports also read in the Meeting above s^{d} and Voted to be accepted, Provided There be no Demand^{s} made on the Town for Land or fencing &c.

A true Enterry Att^{t} Richard Faxon Town Cler.

[138] 1750 May 14th.

Representative. Pursuant to the precept for the choice of a Representative &c The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled on Legal Warning for the choice of a Representative the meeting being opened they proceeded and chose Major Joseph Crossbey, Representative, for the present year.

Another meeting on ye Day above s^{d} There being also a Meet-

ing Warned to be on the day above s^d^ for the Transacting such other affairs of The Town, the perticulers whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants, were as follows, After a Moderator Chosen.

First, To Consider of raising money to Defrey the Charges of the Town &c.

Secondly, To Consult & Determine what method may be most for the advantage of the North & Middle precincts Concerning a school or schools in said Precincts for the ensuing year.

Thirdly, To Consider Whether the South precinct shall draw apart of the School Money allowed for Schooling the ensuing year &c.

Fourthly, To Consider & Determine Where the Town Meetings shall be held for the year insuing.

Fifthly, To hear & Consider of the request of Capt Jno Wendall concerning the Line betwixt the township of Braintree and Abington.

Sixthly, To Chuse a Constable in the North precinct if occasion be.

Seventhly, To Chuse Man or men in the South precinct if need be.

Eighthly, To Consider of Chusing a Surveyer or Surveyers of ways or fences if need be.

Ninthly, To Consid^r^ of Chusing a Com^ttee^ to examine into the State of the Treasury, and to report to ye Town as soon as may be.

Tenthly, To consider of the report of the Selectmen in the affair of the Line Run betwixt some part of the Towns Common lands & ye lands of Josiah Faxon

Eleventhly, To Consid^r^ of Determining about a method of warning Town Meetings

Twelvthly, To Consid^r^ of what sum shall to the Town Treasurer &c for the time past not yet allowed for.

Thirteenthly, To Consid^r^. & Determine in the affair of all Bonds due to the Town, Both as to the principle, & Interest, and further to Direct the Treasurer, therein, of the mind of the Town.

Moderator. The freehold^rs^ and other Inhabitants being assembled on Legal warning, the meeting being opened they proceeded & Chose Maj^r^ Jos. Crossby Esqr. Mod^r^.

The affair of raising money refered. And then proceeded to that of raising money to Defrey the Town Charges & after some Debate thereon, Concluded to refer the raising money to some farther oppertunity or untill the state of ye Treasury be known vizt. to August (or the next) Town Meeting

Voted one School in ye North precinct & one in ye middle pre^t^ And then Voted, that there be one School kept (the ensuing year) in each of the lower precincts, viz. One in the North precinct, and one in the Middle Precinct.

& then Voted, That the South pre^t^ Draw a proportionable part of the School Money as usual.

John Baxter sworn And then John Baxter, who was chose to

the office of Constable on the first of March last past appeared & took ye oth to said office

Voted, Sam^{ll} Clark, Tythingman.

A Com^{ttee} chose to examine ye state of ye Treasury. Voted, That any three of the Selectmen with the Town Treasurer be a Com^{ttee} to examine the state of the Treasury, & report to ye Town at Aug^{t}. (or the next Town) meeting, & then,

A Negative vote on ye altering ye method of warning town meet^{gs} Voted, That the line run betwixt the part of the Towns Common Land and the lands of Josiah Faxon, be accepted, viz. was Voted in the affirmative, as the same is set fourth in therr Return, s^{d} return recorded as follows, see over Leafe.

[139] 1750 May 14th.

The Question was put whether some other method should be used to warn Town Meetings than that hether to used, put to vote & it passed in ye Negative.

John Mills released from being sur^{r} Voted, that John Mills be released from being Surveyor of Highways for the present year.

Moses Bracket chos^{n} Surveyer of wayes. Voted, That Moses Brackett be one of ye Surveyors of Highways ye present year

ye Town meetings to be held at ye Middle pre^{t} Voted, That ye Town Meetings be held at ye Middle precinct Meeting House.

Jos. Pray chose hogreive. Voted, That Joseph Pray be one of ye hogreives for ye present year

ye Town Treasurer allowed &c his Desent & desire also entered Voted, That the Town Treasurer (Richard Faxon) be allowed in Lawfull money equal to twelve pounds old tenor, per year for his services in ye said office for the years past not allowed for, against which the s^{d} Richard Faxon Treasurer of said Town Declared my Desent as a full reward for s^{d} years & Desired that it might be refered to some other meeting, that might be more full, &c

The Treasurers & Selectmens or^{drs} to be allowed &c. Voted, That ye Selectmen's or^{drs} one Treasurer & the Treasurer's ord^{rs} on ye Persons Indebted to ye Treasury by bond for rent, be allowed respecting ye Interest, vizt. ye interest not to goe on after s^{d} Dates, so far as they extend.

ye town to petition ^{nt} Capt Jno Wendall &c Voted, that ye Town Put in a petition with Capt John Wendall &c

Maj^{r}. Jos Crossby to act in ye Towns behalf. In ye affair of ye Collony Line settled by ye Court some time since &c. Voted, Maj^{r}. Jos. Crosby Esqr. act in ye Town's behalf in that affair.

1750 Augt. 13th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Being assembled on Legal Warning for the Transacting such affairs of said Town, the perticulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants were as follows —

First, To bring in their Valuations to ye Selectmen, and after a Mod^{r} chose. Second To Consider of raising money &c Thirdly, To consid^{r} whether ye Constables shall have a premium as here to

fore. Fourthly, To consider of Determining one of the affairs refered at ye Last Town Meeting, as also to consider of a further allowance to ye Town Treasurer &c, as desired by him to be refered. Fifthly, To consider of the request of Benja. Owen respecting a Draw back on the rates of Ebenezer Hinckley &c.

The assembly desired to bring in their Valuations.

Moderator. Proceeded & chose Lt John Adams Moderator.

A negative Vote on ye raising £100 Lawfull money & then voted £80 Lawfull money for Defreying Town charges And then the Moderator put the Question Whether one hundred pounds Lawfull money shall be raised towards the Defreying the charges of s^d Town, this present year, put to vote and it passed in the Negative, and then Voted, That Eighty pounds Lawfull money be assess^d Towards the Defreying the Town charges, &c

Voted, ye other perticulars to be refered to March Meeting next And then Voted, That of a further allowance To the Town Treasurer, and that of a premium to the Constables be refered unto Town Meeting in March next, and then Voted, also, that the request of Benja. Owen one of the late Constables Respecting Hinckley's rates be refered To March Meeting.

[140] Anno. Dom. 1750.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town officers for the year Seventeen hundred Fifty & one.

1750 March 4th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified For Voting in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal warning for the Transacting such affairs of the Town the perticulars whereof as They were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows, after a Mod. chosen. First To chuse all such Town officers as the Laws of province, Direct to be annually chosen &c vizt. in the month of March. Secondly, To Consider and Determine as the Town shall judge Convenient on all such Town ways as shall then be offered for their acceptance. Thirdly, To consider whether a premium shall be allowed for birds & Squrrels the Insuing year Fourthly, To consid^r whether a premium shall be allowed the Insuing year for the keeping of Bulls & boars & if so under what regulations they shall be kept. Fifthly, To know whether ye Town will petition to ye Session^s for help about Building the Iron work Bridge, &c Sixthly, To consider whether ye Town will do any thing towards the Restraining rams the ensuing year.

Moderator The Freeholders &c. Being assembled as above s^d after the opening the meeting. The Meeting proceeded and chose Lt Co^ll William Hunt moderator.

Town Clerk. Nominated & Voted, Richard Faxon Clerk.

Proposed that three Selectmen be chose & to add two more in case &c Selectmen chose. More Select Men chos And then proceeded to that of Chusing Selectmen, & then after some considerable Debate &c Voted, That three Selectmen, vizt one in each precinct, and provided that those that shall be chosen will accept

to serve ye Town, In the said office the ensuing year, without pay & So Directly after They shall be chosen Declare in this meeting that they will doe so That then if they Desire that some others be added to their number to serve, that then two more be chose to serve in s^d^ office. They then when chosen allso Declaring their acceptance to serve the Town In said office gratis &c. The Votes being Collected, it appeared that Meas^rs^ Richard Brackett, James Penniman & Samuel Bass were chosen, s^d^ Brackett & Penniman then Declaring to s^d^ meeting that if they sho^d^ serve the Town & gratis too, that they sho^d^ not incline so to doe unless There should be one in the North, & one in the Middle precincts chosen to serve with them in the s^d^ office; and in case the meeting should chuse two more that then they would accept & also serve the ensuing year, In the said office gratis, as proposed &c. The meeting then proceeded and the votes being Collected it appeared that Sam^ll^ Curtis & Jonathan Baxter were chosen, they then also in s^d^ meeting Declared their acceptance and that they would serve the Town the ensuing year in s^d^ office gratis, and then on a motion made the Moderator with the consent of the meeting, adjourned the meeting to Tuesday the fift of this Instant March at ten of the clock in the morning on s^d^ Day at this place.

March 5th. 1750

ye meeting adjourned ye meeting adjourned again. Some of the vizt. The freeholders & other of the Qualified Inhabitants of the s^d^ Town of Braintree, Being met by adjournment from the fourth of this Instant March &c. Being assembled & the wether being very stormy, after some Considerable Debate the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned the meeting unto Tuesday the Twelve day of this Instant March at ten of the Clock in the morning at this place.

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[142] 1750, March 12th.

Adjournment Ens^n^ James Penniman & Dea Saml Bass, refusing to serve as Selectmen three Selectmen sworn Two more Selectmen chose & sworn viz. took ye previous oaths By adjournment from the fifth of this Instant March the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for Voting in Town affairs being assembled &c proceeded to that of Selectmens taking the oaths by Law Directed &c. & then (Dea.) Sam^ll^ Bass & Ens^n^ James Penniman appearing & Declaring that they were not Disposed to Take ye s^d^ oath & so not to serve in said Office proceeded (& Lt Richard Brackett, Meas^rs^ Jonathan Baxter & Sam^ll^ Curtis, each of them took ye oath Injoined by Law to be taken by all officers before they enter upon s^d^ office & then proceeded & ye Votes being Collected it appeared that Meas^rs^ Ebenez^r^. Hayden & Sam^ll^ Pain were chosen to serve as Selectmen each then taking ye s^d^ oath and then proceeded of chusing Constables & the votes being Collected, it appeared that Joseph Nightengall, Isaac Newcomb & Lt Sam^ll^. Vinton were

chosen, & then ye Moderator, with ye consent of ye Meeting adjourned unto Monday the eighteenth day of this Instant March at one of the Clock in the afternoon (at this place)

1750, March 18th.

ye Moderators oath Inserted. All ye previous Votes of this meeting confirmed The Freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from ye 12th. day of this Instant March &c then went and proceeded, the Moderator then having taken ye oath above s^{d}; The Question was then put by the Moderator whether all votes that Have been passed by this meeting from the first opening of it on the fourth day of this Instant March & so on all the adjourn^{ts}. since be all ratified & confirmed, put to vote & it passed in the affirmative

A premium allowed to ye Constables. And then Voted, that thirteen shillings & four pence shall be allowed to each Constable that shall serve the Town in said office for the year, seventeen hundred and Fifty one

Jos Nightengal sworn Joseph Nightengall appearing took ye previous Oath by Law appointed &c March 25th. &c.

Treasurer chose. And then proceeded & Voted Richard Faxon, (Town) Treasurer

Other Town Officers chose as follows.

Surveyers of Highways In ye North precinct. Dea. John Adams Ens^{n} Nathaniel Belcher Christopher Webb, John George John Beal ju^{r}. In ye Middle precinct. Ephraim Thayer jr. Mica Allen, Abraham Thayer, Clement Hayden, Benja. Hayden, Zachariah Thayer, Junr. Jonathan Hayden Jr. In ye South precinct. Dea. Sam^{ll} Bass, Ebenezer Copland, Capt Jno Hayden John Niles Ter^{us}. Ezechiel White, Jacob Pain Fence Viewers Middle precinct Thomas Faxon, Caleb Hobart Junr. North precinct Joseph Field David Hunt South precinct, Joseph Hayward, Peter Niles Tythingmen Sam^{ll} Ruggles, James Thayer Mathew Prat Surveyors of Timber W^{m}. Field J^{r}. Thomas Vinton & John Clarke. Sealers of Leather, Mica Allen & Jedadiah Bass. Fire Wardens, Daniel Thayer & Benja. Silvester. Deer reives, John White & Jonathan Wild Jun. Hogreives Elijah Vesey, Ebeneze^{r} Field, Obidiah Thayer Nathaniel Capen John Bowditch William Linfield Junr Nehemiah White & Richard Hayden.

[143] 1750, March 18th.

Benja French accepted, & Voted Const^{bl}. in the Room of Isaac Newcomb. and then Voted, that Benja. French be accepted one of the Constables for this Town for the year 1751 Viz^{t} to sarve in the room of Isaac Newcomb.

Lt Samuel Vinton released Voted, That Lt Sam^{ll} Vinton be released for serving the town as one of ye Constables this present year (he having paid in that affair before)

John Clarke chose Const^{bl}. Proceeded & the Votes being Collected it appeared that John Clarke was chose to ye s^{d} office.

Meeting adjourned to ye 25th March current. The Moderator

with ye consent of ye Meeting, Adjourned ye Meeting to Monday ye 25th. Day of March Current at one of ye Clock in ye afternoon at this place.

1751 March 25th.

The Freehold^rs & other Qualified Inhabitants assembled by adjournment From the 18th. of this Instant March &c.

Sam^ll Belcher released & Jno Niles Ter^us Chosen Proceeded, Voted, Sam^ll Belcher to be released from serving as Surveyor of Highways, for ye ensuing year, & then John Niles Ter^us chose to ye said office of Surveyor of Highways. see the Catalogue of names &c

Dea. Jno Adams request read put to vote & it passed in ye negative And then Dea. John Adam's request read and after some Debate, put to Vote and it passed in ye Negative.

Also a premium for bulls boars, birds, & Squrrels put to vote all pass^d In ye Negative And then the Moderator put ye Question, whether a premium shall be allowed for bulls, boars, birds or Squrrels all severally put to vote & all past in the Negative.

Voted that a Com^ttee. be chose in behalf of ye Town to present a petition to ye Sessions, &c And then Question was put whether the Town will Petition to ye justices of ye Sessions y^t Manatiquod Bridge may made a County Bridge Put to Vote & it pas^sed in the affirmative.

ye s^d Com^ttee chose And then Voted to Chuse a Com^ttee to prefer such a Petition to ye Honble Justices of the Sessions in behalf of the Town of Braintree &c. and then seperately Voted that L^t. Co^ll. William Hunt, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, & Mr. Sam^ll Niles jun^r be a Com^ttee in ye said affair &c.

A negative vote on the restraining Rams And then the Question was put whether Rams, shall be restrained In any other method than the Law has already ordered, it put to vote & it passed in ye Negative.

Benja Owen to be allow^ed Eben^r Hink^es Town & pro. rate And then Voted, That Benja. Owen a late Constable be allowed Ebenezer Hinckleys Town & province rate.

1751 May 22^d

Joseph Crossby Esqr Chose Representative. Pursuant to a precept for the Choice of a Representative &c. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for Voting in s^d affairs (assembled on Legal warning) vizt Legaly assembled Proceeded and chose Joseph Crossby Esqr Representative &c.

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& then Proceeded also, The Freeholders & other Inhabitants being Qualified for Voting in Town affairs being also assembled on Legal warning for the Transacting such other affairs of the said Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted In ye warrants were as follows.

First, To Consider of Chusing such Town Officers or Officers as may be wanting, any heretofore chosen falling &c

[144] 2dly To consider what may be necessary to be done in the affair of ye Schools. Thirdly, To consider of raising Money to Defrey the Debts & charges of ye sd Town ye present year. Fourthly, To consider of the report of any of sd Town's Comttees if any shall then be offered & to chuse such Comttee or Comttees in any of the affairs of sd Town, as shall be thought proper by sd Meeting, or on the affair of the Iron work Bridge &c

Moderator Proceeded & chose Joseph Crossbey Esq. Moderator.

Proceeded to that of chusing Town officers, but after inquire not any appeared to be wanting.

The Schools in ye North & Middle precincts to be as ordered by ye Selectmen ye south part to draw apart. And then went to that of the Schools, & after some Debate thereon, Voted, That the Schools be as last year, vizt in the North & Middle Precincts ordered by ye Selectmen, and that the South precinct draw a part of ye School Money.

ye raising money refd to anoth. meeting Voted, That the raising money for Defreying Town Charges be refered To August meeting

A Comttee. chose to Setle accompts wt the Treasurer. Voted, That Dea. John Adams, Dea. John Holbrook & Ebenezer Hayden be a Committee to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer, and to report to the town &c viz for their acceptance.

1751 Augt 19th.

Warrants. The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for acting in such affairs of the sd Town as were Inserted in the warrants were as follows. (being assembled &c) First to bring in their Valuations to the Selectmen, (being assembled as aforesaid, the Selectmen then proceeded & called for the valuations &c Secondly, after a Moderator chosen, To consider of chusing one more Selectman, one of those lately chosen failing. Thirdly, To raise money for Defreying the Town charges &c. Fourthly, To hear & Determine on ye report of any of the sd Towns Comttees in any of the affairs of sd Town & to chuse a Comttee or Committes as occasion may be.

Valuations called for. Moderator chose The freeholders &c being assembled as above said the Selectmen Proceeded and called for the valuation &c & then proceeded to that, vizt the meeting proceeded and chose Jos. Crossby Esqr. Moderator.

Curtis' memorial read Samll Curtis released — Voted to chose one Selectman, Thos Allen chose And then proceeded to that of Chusing one Selectman, on a motion made to said meeting the memorial of Samuel Curtis being then read, Voted, yt the said Samll Curtis be released from serving the Town in The station of a Selectman &c & then Voted To chuse one more Selectman, Their Votes being called for & sorted it appeared that Ensn Thomas Allen was chosen.

£100 Lawful money Voted &c Voted, That one Hundred pounds

Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls and Ratable Estates &c for ye Defreying the Town charges.

The Committee chose to settle acct^{s} ^{wt} ye Town Treasurer brought in their report read & accepted The Town Treasurer discharged so far &c One of ye Com^{ttee} on ye afair of ye Bridge reported &c Voted a Com^{ttee} to put a petition in to ye General Court in ye affair of the s^{d} Bridge &c And then proceeded to that of hearing any (Com^{ttee}) report of any of ye said Towns Com^{ttees} In the affairs reposed on them : then the Com^{ttee} chose last to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer gave in to the s^{d} meeting their report in Writing under their hands, except Capt Jno Holbrook.) who said he was prevented attending on the said affair by reason of his being abroad & could not git whom : the said report being then read in said meeting the moderator Then put the Question whether the report now read to them should be [145] accepted & the said Town Treasurer Richard Faxon be Discharged (of the said One hundred eleven pounds three shillings four pence, two farthings & three tenths) according to ye purport of ye said report but now read, put to vote and it passed in ye affirmative, and the M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r}. one of the Com^{ttee} Last chose in ye affair of The Bridge hereto fore called ye Iron work Bridge made a verbal report to s^{d} meeting of the Transactions at ye Sessions, and after some Debate on the affair and curcomstances &c Voted, That a Com^{ttee} be chose to petition the Great & General Court that the s^{d} Bridge affore said made a County Bridge & then nominated and Voted, That Maj^{r} Moses Belcher, Capt John Holbrook & Mr Sam^{ll}. Niles Junr. be a Committee to put forward s^{d} petition to the Gen^{ll}. Court in behalf of the s^{d} Town of Braintree to all intents &c.

1751 October 24th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree. Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legaly assembled For ye Transacting such affairs of ye s^{d} Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye warrants were as follows, First, To consider of ye case of ye Late Constable Benja. Owen & what may be done in ye affair of his Constableship in any time past &c. & to hear & consider of any Propos^{ll} y^{t} may be offerred to ye town by s^{d} Owen and to inquire into ye same, any thing relating &c. Secondly, To consider what may be offered by ye South precinct in ye affair of ye drawing apart of ye School Money. Thirdly To consider whether ye Town will advise to ye making of ye County Rate &c. Fourthly To consider of chusing one hoge Constable in ye North pre^{t}.

And then proceeded & Chose Co^{ll} Jno. Quincy, Moderator.

The affair relating to ye Case of the late Constable Benja. Owen Debated upon & a Com^{ttee} chose &c And then ye Question was put whether a Com^{ttee} of three men be chose to Inquire farther into the affair. Pursuant to ye memorial or petition of the Late Constable Benja. Owen (but now read in this meeting and report to this meeting, at the adjournment to be made &c. That ye Town may have the fuller Information for their further consideration &c

put to vote & it past in the affirmative, & then Voted, that Maj^{r} Jos. Crossby, M^{r}. W^{m}. Penniman, & M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r} be a Com^{ttee}.

The other three perticulars in ye Warrants Debated on & all passed without any voting thereon.

Said Owen's Declaration before read is Dated Boston Octob^{r} 17th. 1751.

Elijah Vesey y^{t} was chose one of ye hoge Constables last March now sworn And then the Moderator with ye consent of the meeting adjourn^{d} The meeting unto Wednesday ye thirtieth day of this Instant Octob^{r}. at two of ye clock in ye afternoon at this place.

1751, Oct 30th

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law for voting in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the Twenty fourth day of this Instant Octob^{r} The said meeting being opened.

The Com^{ttees} report read with an other Declaration then also exhibited &c. And the Com^{ttees} report exhibited to ye meeting & read the purport of which s^{d} report was that the said Benja. Owen was willing to fullfill his Declaration exhibited to ye Town at the opening of this meeting &c as by Relation had to s^{d} report may more at Large appear w^{c} said report is Dated Octob^{r}. 28th. 1751

[146] 1751 Octob^{r} 30th.

A report of the Com^{ttee} Chosen by ye Town of Braintree on the Twenty fourth day of this Instant October 1751, who were appointed to confer with Benja. Owen one of the Late Constables of said Town, being exhibited & read & meturely considered.

Voted, That ye Com^{ttee} hereafter named & Chosen be authorized and Impowered in the name & behalf of the Town to receive the money that is in the said Benja. Owens hands already Collected & also the notes of hand taken in Lieu of rates, and if he the s^{d} Owen shall Ingage to collect the rates remaining uncollected for the year seventeen Hundred & forty nine & of any year or years past if any be giving proper security Therefor to pay the sum or sums, so Collected unto the said Com^{ttee}. And Likewise shall give a Legal Conveyance of all his real Estate unmortgaged to the use of the Town, as also of the whole of his personal Estate with Proper accompts of his Debts Drawn out & signed with a power of Attorney To receive the same and so fully and amply perform in all things, according to his Declaration to ye Town & the said Towns Construction thereof, and as soon as may be the said Committee to Improve the produce of the s^{d} real & Personal Estate to pay the same unto the province Treasurer, and to be accountable to ye Town, ye s^{d} Committee, they be and hereby are Impowered to discharge him The s^{d}. Benja. Owen from his present confinement & as soon as may be to make sale of both his real & personal estate Paying the Province Treasurer, the produce There of as foresaid, and then nominated & Seperately Voted Joseph Crossby

Esqr, Mr Wm Penniman & Mr Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r}. be a Com^{ttee} to manage the whole affair as above said, In behalf of the s^{d} Town.

1751 Novemb^{r} 27th.

The Freeholders and others Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legally assembled For ye Transacting of such of the affairs of ye s^{d} Town ye perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in ye were as follows. After a Moderator chose First, To consider of ye affair of Benja. Owen one of ye Late Constables of this Town & of the report of the Com^{ttee} Last chose in s^{d} affair, as also to raise money in ye said affair if ye meeting shall then think fit. Secondly, To consider what may be done in ye affair of ye Iron work Bridge

The meeting being opened they proceeded & chose Co^{ll} John Quincy Esqr Moderator.

Owens memorial read & Likewise ye Com^{ttees} report read The Com^{ttee} Desired to try about ye sale of s^{d} Owens real Estate & after money in case &c The meeting adjourned &c And then, after reading ye requists of s^{d} Owen, and the report of ye Com^{ttee} Chose in the Last Town Meeting in ye affair of ye s^{d} late Constable Benjamin Owen, the Moderator put the Question whether the Com^{ttee} Last chose in the affair of s^{d} Benja. Owens be desired to see what price the real Estate of s^{d} Owen will sell for in present payment, and also what it may be sold for if some time may be given for the Payment thereof, and that ye said Com^{ttee} inquire & see whether the money wanted may be had, or how or on what condition, in case the said Land Don^{t} at present sell for the money wanted in that affair, put to vote & it passed in ye affirmative, and report to this meeting at the adjournment, and then ye Moderator with the Consent of ye meeting adjourn^{d} the meeting unto Monday the Third day of Feb^{ry} next coming at one of ye clock in ye afternoon, (to be at this place)

[147] 1752 Feb. 3^{d}.

ye meeting met on ye adjournment Their verbal report. No person appearing to by ye s^{d} real Estate of ye s^{d} Benja. Owen ye Com^{ttees} report on ye money, may be had ye sum wanted £66–13–4 Lawf^{ll} money Voted, y^{t} ye Com^{ttee} git ye money & pay ye province Treas^{r} & take a Discharge to ye Town, & y^{t} they be reimbursed both principle & Interest. Viz^{t} untill ye Town Discharge ye Debt The freeholders & other Qualified Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from ye 27th. day of November last past being assembled as aforesaid, The meeting being opened, Two of The Com^{ttee} verbaly then in s^{d} meeting) reported, vizt. to said meeting, that they had given Publick notice by posting up an Intention of the sale of the Real Estate of Benja. Owen pursuant to the Last Direction of the Town to them, vizt on their meeting on November 27th. last Past afore s^{d} but that not any person had appeared to purchase the same. And also according to the Direction of the s^{d} meeting aforesaid had proceeded to know where the money wanting might be had, & that

they were satisfied of the obtaining it vizt. about Sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence ye s^{d} Com^{ttee}. signified would yet be wanting for the Gitting a full Discharge From the Province Treasurer for the sums due to him from the s^{d} Late Constable Benja. Owen &c & then Voted, that the said Com^{ttee} that have been Imployed from time to time in the affair of the s^{d} Owen, proceed in ye behalf of ye Town to git the said sum yet wanting, vizt What shall be wanting after the Colecting of that due to the s^{d} Owen whether rates or Debts &c and that the said Com^{ttee} be reimbursed for the money necessary, and so taken up on Interest with the Interest, they paying to the Province Treasurer the sum or sums due to him from ye s^{d} Benja. Owen as he was Constable of this Town & Taking a full Discharge from ye s^{d} province Treasurer to this Town.

ye sale of ye real estate also refered to March meeting. Voted, That ye sale of the real estate of said Benjamin Owen by Deed to this Town &c, be refered over to the Meeting in March next coming for further consideration, also.

John Georges ord^{r} allowed A Committee in ye affair of ye Iron work Bridge also Voted, That the Treasurers acc^{t} of the ordrd now exhibited to this meeting on an ord^{r}. from the Selectmen of this Town for the year 1748, To John George be allowed in part of ye sum or sums set to ye s^{d} George in The List or Lists Committed to ye s^{d} Benja. Owen Late Constable To Collect &c. & then Voted, Meas^{rs} Ebenezer Newcomb Willm Penniman & Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r} a Com^{ttee} to see that something be done to ye Iron Work Bridge To secure it until March Meeting &c.

1752 March 2^{d}.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town officers for ye year Seventeen Hundred Fifty & two &c.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified, for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning for ye choice of Town officers & such other affairs of the said Town the Perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants were as follows, vizt. after a Mod^{r} chose.

First, as above said to Chuse Town Officers.

Secondly, To Here the request of any of ye Late Constables of this Town or of any (other person) of the Inhabitants of this Town in the affairs of their rates &c.

Thirdly To consider of Chusing a Com^{ttee} Committees as ye Town shall think fit, also to hear the reporte of any former Committee if any may be offered.

[148] 1752 March 2^{d}.

Fourthly, To consider what may be done in ye affair of the Iron work Bridge. Fifthly, To consider what is proper further to be done in ye affair of the sale of ye real Estate of ye Late Constable Owen, that has Lately been sett over to the Town.

Moderator chose The Mod^{r} & Clerk, both took ye previous Oaths. And the Meeting being opened they proceeded & chose

Maj^{r} Joseph Crossby, Moderator. And then proceeded to chuse a Clerk & then Voted, Richard Faxon Clerk, after which ye Moderator and the said Town Clerk each took ye previous oath &c

Selectmen to be chose Two in y^{e} in ye middle & one in ye South pre^{t} Chose for Selectmen Lt. Jno Adams, Lt Richard Brackett, Mr Sam^{ll} Niles Jr (Dea) Sam^{ll} Bass & Ens^{n} Thos Allen And then Voted, That there be two Selectmen chose in the North pre^{t} and two in the Middle pre^{t}. & one in the South precinct, the Votes be^{g}, collected it appeared that (Dea.) John Adams, Lt Richard Brackett, Mr. Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r}. Ens^{n} Thos. Allen & (Dea) Sam^{ll}. Bass, were Chosen, s^{d} Adams, Bass, & Allen, then took ye said previous oath.

Constables chose And then went on that of Chusing Constables & when ye votes were Collected & sorted it appeared that Nathaniel Thayer, Benjamin Cleverly & John Clark were chosen, s^{d} Jno Clark then Presenting his Brother Sam^{ll} Clark to the Meeting For their acceptance to serve as Constable in his room.

Sam^{ll} Clark accepted in ye room of his Brother Jno Clark w^{t} ye provision y^{t} he give Bond to ye Town to Indemnify ye s^{d} Town & giting full discharges from all the Treas^{rs}. Voted, that the said Sam^{ll}. Clark be accepted to serve in ye office of Constable in ye room of his brother John Clark provided that the s^{d} John Clark become Bound to Indemnify ye Town From any Damage or loss that may be sustained by ye neglect or failure of the said Sam^{ll}. Clark's faithfull performance of Discharging His Duty in said Office, and paying in the full sum and sums of all such rates or assessments as shall be committed to him to Collect & pay in unto ye Province, County, Town, and Precinct Treasurer's and each of them as he shall Be Directed by his Warrants Lawfully executed, & taking Full Discharges there of, of each Treasurer respectively.

S^{d} Clark y^{n} took ye previous oath. & then ye s^{d} Sam^{ll} Clark took the previous oath as by Law Directed wh^{h} I think is no mistak.

The Committee heretofore Imployed in ye affair of ye Late Constable Owen Directed & Impowered to make sale of said real estate &c Voted, That ye Committee heretofore Imployed, vizt Some time since In behalf of this Town to Transact the affairs between the s^{d} Town and the Late Constable Benjamin Owen proceed to make sale of the real Estate of the said Late Constable Benja. Owen (by Deed of sale sett over to this Town) as by relation thereto had may at Large appear) vizt that the said Com^{ttee} namely Joseph Crossby Esqr. Meas^{rs}. Willm. Penniman & Sam^{ll} Niles jun^{r}. have a Discretionary power to sell & Dispose of the said real Estate, For the payment of the money Borrowed, vizt. ordered to be Borrowed to pay the province Treasurer, (see page 147 back) They accounting with ye Town as soon as may be of their proceedings and Giting a discharge from ye said province Treasurer, as aforesaid &c.

The meeting adjourned And then the Moderator with ye consent of the Meeting adjourned the meeting unto Tuesday the

tenth day of this Instant March, at ten of the clock in the morning, at this place.

Not any more Selectmen to be Chose &c Omitted above in ye proper place (see this) vizt Voted That Not any more Selectmen be chosen (took this from ye Moderator &c Voted s^d March 2^d received ye acc^t from ye Moderator March 10th &c.

[149] 1752 Mar. 10th.

mett on ye adjournment. Voted ye rest of ye Town be chose by hand votes A Negative vote on ye Chusing but one Surveyor of Ways — & then Voted, two in each precinct. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from the 2^d. vizt second day of this Instant March, & then mett, Proceeded & Voted that the remaining officers be chosen by hand vote & then on a Motion made unto s^d meeting that but one Surveyor be chosen for the present year after some Debate put to vote, & it past in ye Negative, & then voted that two Surveyors be chose in each precinct.

Surveyors of Highways. Maj^r Moses Belcher, Ensign Nathaniel Belcher, vizt. Ebenezer Thayer jun^r Mr Sam^ll Niles jun^r. Eliphelet Sawin & Joseph Porter

Surveyors of Timber, plank &c Co^ll William Hunt, Lt Joseph White, & William Field Junr

Sealers of Leather. Jedadiah Bass & Abijah Allen.

Fence Viewers. Benjamin Bass and Charles Baxter Jonathan Allen and Nathaniel Wales jun^r. Aaron Hayward & Seth Porter.

Hogreives Nathan Brackett, Jonathan Fesenden, Abiah Thayer, Hezekiah Ludden ; Ephra. Hunt jun^r Nath^ll Pain

Tythingmen. Seth Bass, William White, Elisha Shaw.

Firewardens. William Linfield Jun. Nehemiah White.

Constables vizt Ebenezer Thayer Benja. Cleverly — & Sam^ll Clark all sworn to said office. And then went to the affair of the Constables not yet fully settled Nath^ll Thayer appearing presenting Mr Ebenezer Thayer, Jun. To the meeting for their acceptance, The s^d Nathaniel Thayer Giving in his Bond pursuant to the proviso Voted, to be as afore s^d. (See page 148) back, and then Voted, That the s^d Ebenezer Thayer Jun be accepted to serve In ye office of Constable this present year in the room of ye said Nath^ll. Thayer: John Clark also appearing & giving in his bonds also to the Town, his brother Sam^ll. being accepted on the s^d proviso (see s^d p 148) Benjamin Cleverly, also, appearing, chosen on ye second of This Instant March, (see also s^d p. 148) all vizt Cleverly, Clark, and Thayer jun^r all took their oaths to ye office of Constables for ye present year, vizt s^d Ebenezer Thayer jun. Benjamin Cleverly. & Sam^ll. Clark each, then took their oath to said office of Constable.

Constables allowance vizt. 13/4 Lawfull money to each of them at making up &c Jos. Hayward allowed Voted, that each Constable that shall serve the Town in s^d office this present year shall be allowed, Thirteen shillings & four pence Lawfull money at

making up, vizt when they shall produce receipts In full from each respective Treasurer aforesaid.

Voted, That Joseph Hayward a late Constable of this Town be allowed one pound one shilling & four pence Lawfull money in the rates to Him due from his Brother Benja. Hayward since Deceas^{d}.

also Aaron Hayward allowed. also Deering Spear allowed &c — Voted, That Aaron Hayward be allowed three shillings, seven pence L. M. due to him on ye rates by him to be collected of ye Benja. Hayward jun.

Voted, also, that Deering Spear a late Constable be allowed Eighteen shillings & sixpence, three farthings 7 tenths Lawf^{ll} money due to him on Rates from the said Benja. Jun &c. also

Voted, that the said Deering Spear be allowed of the rates due to him from one John Prat, nine shillings, eleven pence one eight tenths farthings, Lawful Money.

7 years ye term of Leases of ye Town Lands. ye Com^{ttee} chose there for were Meas^{rs} Jos. Crosby, Eben^{r} Thayer Jno. Ruggles Benja. Beal & Wm Penniman. Voted, That the Leases now to made on the Town's Lands, be for seven years term, and then nominated & Seperately. Voted, Meas^{rs} Jos. Crossby, Ebenezer Thayer, Benja. Beal jn^{r} John Ruggles & William Penniman be a Committee Impowered to Lease out the Town Lands for ye s^{d} term of seven years To come commencing from ye first day of this Instant March, & as To fencing or planting any part y^{t} to be left to their Discretion vizt They Determining about ye fence & Limiting ye affair of planting, viz. the above said Com^{ttee} &c

[150] 1752 March 10th.

A Committee in ye affair of ye Iron work Bridge Heretofore so called Voted, vizt. a Com^{ttee} in ye affair of ye Iron work Bridge (who were by a Script of their names returned to me) as follows vizt. Meas^{rs}. John Quincy, Joseph Crossby, Ebenezer Thayer Richard Thayer, Ebenezer Newcomb Jonathan Allen, Samuel Niles jun William Penniman & Richard Faxon, that ye above s^{d} Com^{ttee} be Directed to goe and view said Bridge see whether it be best to Build with stone or timber & when & where & report to ye Town their Judgment thereon.

1752 May 18th.

A Representative being chose by Votes, but, Decling to take ye oath appointed by law &c The meeting proceeded to another choice. & then John Ruggles, chose Representative, & took ye s^{d} oath Pursuant to a precept Directed to ye Selectmen of this Town of Braintree, and their Warrants to ye Constables: The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the s^{d} Town, Duely Qualified having had Legal warning) and being (legaly) assembled, proceeded. The Select Men call^{ed} for their Votes for a Representative which when Collected & Sorted it appeared that Sam^{ll} Niles jun^{r}. was chose, who some Debate in said meeting, was called on to take ye oath injoyned By Law, Respecting the Bills of Credit of Conneticute New Hamshire & Roade Island, vizt the law made

in Seventeen Hundred & Forty & eight &c. But when ye oath was urged, the said Niles, Declared to s^{d} meeting that he should not take the said oath as it stood in ye act or Law &c the said meeting proceeded to an other choice, ye Votes being called for and Collected & sorted it appeared that John Ruggles was chose representative, who appearing to the said oath.

1752 May 18th.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, Qualified For Voting in Town affairs being Legally assembled for ye Transacting of such affairs of s^{d} Town, the perticulars whereof as they were contained in the warrants were as follows. (After a Moderator chosen) First To consider of raising money to Defrey the Necessary charges of this Town &c

Secondly, To consider of some proper method to order ye School or Schools more to ye advantage of ye Town in General if it may be.

Thirdly, To consider whether there may be any occasion of anything further to be done in ye affair of the Iron work Bridge (so called) and to chuse a Com^{ttee} in that affair if need be.

Fourthly, To consider of granting Liberty to move the Town way up ye stream by Whare The old Forge Stood on John French's Land, for ye convenience of building a Bridge on less Charge &c

Fifthly, To Consider of Supplying any vacancies in any of ye Town Offices if any of Those chosen at ye Town Meeting in March last, fail.

Moderator chose — The freeholders &c assembled as afores^{d} proceeded and chose Lt Co^{ll} Wm Hunt Moderator.

& then Voted, That ye article of raising money to Defrey Town Charges &c be refered over to August meeting.

The Grammar School To be in ye North pre^{t} a Com^{ttee} to ord^{r} ye School in ye Middle pre^{t} ye South pre^{t} to draw their part. also Voted That the Grammar School be ordered by the Selectmen & be in The North precinct; & that the school in ye Middle precinct be ordered By a Com^{ttee} to be chose in said Middle precinct; and that ye South precinct Draw a proportionable part of the School money & then (Seperately) Voted, That Meas^{rs}. Sam^{ll} Niles jun^{r}. Willm. Penniman & Jno Hayward be a Com^{ttee} to order ye school in ye Middle precinct, and then Voted That the remaining affairs in the warrants, be referred to ye adjournment of this meeting: and then the Moderator with ye consent of ye meeting adjourned ye said meeting unto Fryday the Twenty second day of May currant, at two of ye Clock in the afternoon at this place.

[151] 1752 May 22^{d}.

ye adjournment. Liberty granted that ye town way over ye River in Jno. French's land in cochato be moved streem provided ye Town be saved from ye charges Thereof The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of ye Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in

Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the eighteenth day of this Instant may &c. For the Transacting the remaining affairs in the Warrants for calling the meeting held on ye Eighteenth day of this Instant May afore said vizt the two perticulars concerning Bridge &c. & then proceeded & Voted, That the Town way over the River in John French's Land, by where the Forge Lately stood, be moved up the streem There as may be convenient for the building a Bridge on less Charge said John French being then in ye meeting consented thereto.

The Com^{ttees} report accepted with ye amendment. entered on ye same. Voted, That the Committees report (of their judgments in ye affair of Building a Bridge over the River (Called) the Iron work river be accepted with the amendment entered under on ye same reporte

The Com^{ttee} Directed to see s^{d} Bridge Built &c Voted, That a Com^{ttee} be chose to see said Bridge usually called the Iron work Bridge) built and well Done & at the Cheepest Lay or price that it cann be Done for by any that shall appear, after Publick & Seasonable Notice given to any (or all) Persons whatsoever, they doing it as & in place where the s^{d} Com^{ttees} Reporte (Brought into & read & accepted by this meeting) Directs, with respect had to ye amendment, thereon entered under s^{d} reporte.

The said Report being as follows.

The Com^{ttees} report, as it was returned to ye Town meeting assembled on s^{d} May 22^{d}. 1752. Whereas, we ye subscribers were appointed a Com^{ttee} by ye Town at their meeting upon adjournment March ye tenth seventeen Hundred Fifty & two, To view ye Iron work Bridge & to Reporte to ye Town our judgment there upon, accordingly we have carefully viewed the same, and are of opinion that ye town build a New Bridge as soon as may be, and that ye old Bridge be kept up till ye New one be built, and that ye New one be built in ye manner Following, vizt That ye said Bridge be built all with stone. That is to say begining on ye South east side butment or Headwork partly, upon or with the slate Rock joyning The old Bridge & partly upon ye wharfage of ye old Bridge & so across ye River North west over ye highest part of ye falls or Slate Rock at ye bottom of ye River with a middle pillar upon ye same six Feets wide or more, & Twenty feet Long, To be built all with Large flat quine stones & so sharp Like a wedge upon ye upper end or South west end of the same, & that ye two passages for ye carrying off The water be 7 feet wide if stones can be gotton, Large enough for The Covering if not then) six feet wide & seven in Height And that ye front and sides of ye abutments be built all with Large Choice Stones, & that ye middle be filled with a smaller and that ye abutments, be as wide at bottom as shall be thought proper, & that ye top of said Bridge When compleated as above be fifteen feet wide, & such a Height as shall be thought best & that this affair be under the Direction & Inspection of a Com^{ttee} that ye Town shall think proper to appoint for that purpose &c.

Braintree May ye 15th. 1752.

Signed, Joseph Crossby, Richard Thayer, Richard Faxon, Ebenezer Newcomb, William Penniman, Jonathan Allen, Samuel Niles jun^r. } Com^ttee

Whereas ye above report mentions seven feet passage each, Voted, that ye above report be accepted with this amendment that the weidth of the said passages be not more than six feets in weidth.

Braintree May 22^d 1752

Att^e. Richard Faxon Town Clerk.

[152] 1752 May 22^d.

A Com^ttee chose in ye affairs of ye Bridge Voted, That Lt Co^ll William Hunt, L^t. Richard Brackett & Serg^t. Seth Copeland, be the Com^ttee in the affair of seeing the s^d Bridge Built, vizt according as afore Directed by the votes of this Meeting.

1752 Augt 24th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning for ye Transacting such affairs of ye s^d Town the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the warrants were as follows.

First, To bring in their valuations of all their Pols & other Ratable Estate To the Selectmen.

Secondly, After a moderator chosen To consider of raising money To Defrey ye Necessary Charges of ye s^d Town, (also respecting the charge of ye Iron work Bridge &c).

Thirdly, To consider of Disposing of the Town Cows if it may be more For ye advantage of ye serving ye end Designed &c

Fourthly, To consider of chusing a Com^ttee or Com^ttees in any of the affairs that may concern the Town, also to here the report of any Com^ttee heretofore Chosen by the said Town (if any be) to be offered by them.

Moderator chose. Firstly, Being Legaly assembled as above said & the valuations called for. Secondly, the meeting proceeded & Chose Lt Co^ll Wm Hunt Moderator.

Two hundred & sixty six pounds, thirteen shillings & 4 pence £260=13–4 Thirdly, Voted, That (Two Thousand Pounds old tenor that is to say) two Hundred sixty & six pounds thirteen shillings & four pence Lawfull Money, be assessed on the Pols & other Estates of the Inhabitants of this Town to Defrey Town Charges &c

Voted a Committee be chosen to petition in y^e affair of ye Bridge. Fourthly, Voted, That a Committee be chose to Petition the General Court that Bridge (called Iron work Bridge be made a County Bridge.

Chose Co^{ll} Wm Hunt Wm Penniman & Mr Sam^{ll} Niles Jr. Voted, That L^{t} Co^{ll}. Wm Hunt, William Penniman & M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Niles jun^{r} be a Com^{ttee} Therefor.

1753 Feby 26th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree That are Qualified for voting in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning for the Transacting such affairs of the s^{d} Town, the perticulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants were as follows. After a Moderator chose First, To receive ye report of ye Com^{ttee} wh^{h} was Chose and Impowered by s^{d} Town To Dispose of Stones from (& to inspect & prosecute Trespassers on ye Lands) Towns Commons.

Secondly, To make such addition to s^{d} Comm^{ttee} as may be thought necessary or proper

Thirdly, To Impower s^{d} Com^{ttee} to use & Improve so much of ye Towns as is or may be in their hands (& necessary) to prosecute in ye Law such as have or may Trespass on s^{d} Common, or that may neglect timely to pay ye duty laid on said stones sold by s^{d} Com^{ttee}, or that have neglected to pay said Duty to ye above s^{d} Com^{ttee}.

Fourthly, To consider of and resolve upon ye price of stones) if ye Town shall think proper, as also to grant ye Com^{ttee} as much power in all respects, with respect to the management of s^{d} Commons, as was Granted to them at ye Town meeting Augt 14th. 1749, (unless the Town shall see fit to set ye price on ye stones to be sold.

Fifthly, To chuse & authorize a Com^{ttee} to establish ye lines round each common, with the proprietors thereto adjoining.

[153] 1753 Feb^{ry} 26th.

Moderator chose. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants being assembled on Legal warning they proceeded & chose Lt Co^{ll} Wm Hunt Moderator.

Firstly Voted, That ye report now read be accepted vizt put to vote and it past in the affirmative, Secondly — and then the Moderator Put the Question whether there shall be an addition made to the Com^{ttee} put to vote & it past in the Negative.

Thirdly And then the question was put whether the s^{d} Com^{ttee} shall be Impowered to use and Improve so much of ye Towns money as is or may be in their (necessary to prosecute in ye Law, such as have or may Trespass on s^{d} Common, or that may neglect timely to pay the Duty Laid on s^{d} stones sold by s^{d} Com^{ttee}, or that have neglected to pay said Duty to ye above said Com^{ttee} put to vote & it past in ye affirmative.

Fourthly—And then the question was put whether the Com^{ttee} shall set the price on the stones in the Common that they shall sell &c. put to vote and it passed in the negative.

Fifthly. The Question was put whether the Town will set the price on the said Common & it also passed in the Negative, and then Divided & counted poles (on the former vote) about setting the price on ye said stones & the Moderator Declared there was the major part there for, by the poles counted.

And then dismist ye last article without voting after some Debate thereon.

[154] Anno. Dom. 1753. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers for the year 1753.

1753 March 5th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified for voting in Town affairs having had Legal warning assembled at the meeting house in the Middle precinct for the choice of Town Officers and Transacting other necessary affairs of the Town, the perticulars are Inserted in the warrant as Follows. After a Moderator chosen, etc.

1st. To chose all such Town officers as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer 2^d. To chose such Committee or Committees as the Town shall think requisite. 3^d. To hear the reports of any Committee or Committees and act upon s^d Reports. 4th. To consider & Determine what to allow our Town Treasurer for his past service. 5th. To consider of and act upon the affair between Mr Samuel Clark and Mr John & Dependence French of Stoughton. 6th. To consider off and act upon Railing the Iron work Bridge so called 7th. To consider & act upon building a small House to keep the Town stock of Powder & Bullets in. 8th. To consider and allow a premium for black Birds heads and Crows & Squirrels. 9th. To Determine upon some method to Remove the Obstructions to the Fishes coming up the Iron works or manatiquat River, so called.

Moderator And being so assembled proceeded to chose Co^ll William Hunt Moderator.

Cler. And then chose Elisha Niles Clerk

The Clerk took the oath required by Law. Selectmen And then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, the moderator put to vote whether the Town would have five Selectmen pass^d in the Negative, then a Vote was asked whether they would have but three, pass^d in the affirmative, then voted whether they would reconsider the last vote, pass^d in the Negative, then the votes were called by the Moderator for one Selectman in each precinct, which votes being Collected & examined it appeared Dea. John Adams, Mr Thomas Allen & Dea. Samuel Bass were chosen Selectmen by a great majority.

Constables. Thomas Faxon took the qualifying oath required by Law. And then proceeded to the choice of a Constable for the North precinct, the votes being Collected & examined it appeared Jonathan Rawson was chosen, s^d Rawson refusing to take the previous oath the Moderator put to vote whether the town would excuse s^d Rawson for this present year, pass^d in the affirmative, then the votes were called for Constables and being Collected & examined it appeared Thomas Faxon, Samuel Savel Junr. & Josiah Thayer, were chosen, then voted whether the Town would have two Constables in the South precinct pass^d in the Negative. Voted whether the Town would excuse Samuel Savel Junr pass^d in the affirmative. Then the votes were called for a Constable in the

North precinct, which being Collected & Examined it appeared Charles Baxter was chosen, Josiah Thayer presenting Ebenezer Spear to serve Constable in his room which the Town accepted, provided s^{d} Thayer give to the Town a Sufficient bond for s^{d} Spear's faithful discharge of that office.

[155] Surveyors of Highways And then the Town proceeded to the choice of Surveyors of Highways, by nomination, Surveyors of Highways, Jonathan Rawson, Joseph Nightingale, Joseph Field Moses Brackett Ebenezer Thayer Junr, Ickabod Holbrook, Caleb Hobart Junr, Samuel Wild Junr, Jonathan Allen, Uriah Thayer, John White Samuel Wales, Nehemiah French, Benjamin Spear Junr.

Fence Viewers. Next the Town proceeded to the choice of Fence Viewers who were Samuel Savel Junr. Sam^{ll} Hayward John Holbrook, Junr. Thomas Thayer, Eliphalet Sawen & Nathaniel Pain.

Voted, Charles Baxter, Liberty to consider of an answer respecting his serving Constable, until the adjournment.

Treasurer Then the Town proceeded to the choice of a Treasurer. The votes being Collected & Examined it appeared they made choice of Elisha Niles

A Committee for settling the Treasurey. Voted, Lt Richard Thayer, Maj. Moses Belcher, & Mr William Penniman be a Committee to settle accompts with Capt. Richard Faxon, their former Treasurer, and Transfer the Treasurership, to their New Treasurer, also voted the Selectmen be added to this Committee. Likewise, voted the Committee afores^{d}. should Treat with Capt. Faxon respecting his demand for his Service as Treasurer, and make report of Capt. Faxon's demand with the state of the Treasury, to the Town on their adjournment.

Then voted the meeting to be adjourned to Monday the nineteenth Instant at one of the Clock P.M. at this place

1753 March 19th

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the fifth Instant to Transact the Remaining affairs in the Warrants for calling the meeting & Proceeded to the choice of Town officers, by nomination as follows.

Tything men Peter Adams Christopher Thayer, Lt Joseph White.

Sealers of Leather Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen

Surveyors of Timber & Plank Guilford Field Co^{ll} Wm Hunt John Clark.

Fire Wardens Naphtali Thayer Zachariah Marquand

Hogreives James Clark, Nathaniel Belcher Junr Hezekiah Thayer Peter Hobart Jonathan Clark Eleazer May.

Voted, Nath^{ll}. Blancher be a Surveyor of Highways.

County Treasurer. Votes, Collected & sealed for County Treasurer.

Treasurers allowance £36 — old tenor Voted, Capt Richard

Faxon, Twelve pounds old tenor ℔ year for three years pas^{t} for his services as Treasurer.

£4 — L. mo. Voted, Capt. Richard Faxon Four pounds Lawfull money in addition to his allowance in consideration of the alteration of money.

Iron work Bridge Voted, whether the Iron work Bridge should be railed at the Town's Charge, past in ye affirmative

Voted, Lieu^{t} Richard Thayer, Lt Thomas Hollis Lt John Hunt, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Maj^{r} Moses Belcher be a Committee to view the Iron work Bridge and Report to the Town at May meeting in what manner it will be best to Rail it, provided they serve the Town gratis.

Building a house The article for building a house to keep the Town's stock of Powder & Balls in Refer^{d} to the Com^{ttee} chosen to view the Bridge and to make report to the Town at May Meeting where and in what manner will be best.

Premium on birds &c. Voted, whether the Town would allow any premium for catching birds & past in the Negative.

Committee respecting Fish Voted James Thayer, Lt Samuel Vinton, & James Thayer Sec^{dus} be a Committee to prevent the obstructions to the Fish coming up the Iron work or manatiquot River.

John Spear Constable Constables allowance Voted: John Spear be accepted to serve as Constable in the stead of Charles Baxter, s^{d} Baxter giving bond to the Town for Spears faithful performance, Likewise voted, each Constable Thirteen Shillings & four pence on their producing Receipts from the several Treasurers.

[156] 1753 Mar. 28th

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting-house in the middle precinct on Legal warning to Transact such affairs the particulars whereof Inserted in the warrants are as follows, (viz.) After a Moderator chosen &c

1st To reconsider the votes & Transactions relating to the Towns Commons, so called, at their meeting held on Monday the 26th of February last.

2^{d} To consider of some more effectual method or methods than have hitherto been thought off, to put an end to the Difficulties and Disputes Relating to s^{d} Common & Regulate the same for the future 3^{d} To consider & Resolve on some proper method to Divide the Towns Commons so that each man shall draw his full proportion in said commons anything at any time Transacted by the Town to the contrary Notwithstanding. 4th. To choose a Committee or Committees as the Town shall at this meeting think proper, not Divesting the Committee chosen by said Town in Augst. 1749 of the power they were then Invested with, provided the Commons be not divided.

Moderator. And being so assembled proceeded & chose Co^{ll}. Willm. Hunt Moderator.

Commons &c Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would Reconsider The votes & Transactions of the Town relating to the Town Commons held on the 26th. of February last passd in the Negative.

Then voted whether the Town would choose a Committee to consider what method would be best to Regulate the Towns Common's by Dividing, selling, or Letting & passd in the Negative.

Voted, the Towns Commons be Divided Then the Question was put by the moderator whether they would Divide the Town's Common's Voted & passd in the affirmative

Voted, The Town would choose a Committee to consult in what method it will be best for the Town to Divide said Common's & Report to the Town on their adjournment.

Voted, the Town would choose a Committee to consult in what method it will be best for the Town to Divide said Commons & Report to the town on their adjournment.

A Committee to consider what method to Divide said Commons. Voted, the Town would have fifteen for said Committee they serving gratis. Then the following Gentn were Seperately Chosen as a Committee for that purpose, viz. John Quincy Esqr. Mr Josiah Quincy Mr. Samll. Niles Junr. William Hunt Esqr. Capt Thomas Wales Lieut. Richard Thayer, Mr. Edmand Quincy, Joseph Crosby Esqr. Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Mr. Willm. Penniman, Lieut. Joshua Hayward, Dean John Adams, Capt John Thayer, Mr. John French & Capt John Holbrook.

adjournment. Voted, the meeting to be adjourned to monday the Twenty first of May next at nine of the Clock in the morning, in this place.

1753 May 21st.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified for voting in Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the Twenty eighth of March last Proceeded to hear the Report of the Committee appointed on the said Twenty eighth of March last which was as follows.

Braintree Apl 16th. 1753.

Committees Report. At a meeting of the Committee appointed by the Town to Consider & Report, what may be the most proper method of Dividing the Towns commons, The subject being fully considered & Debated, upon the Question being put whether it was best for the Town to Divide the same by Poles or Estates the Committee were equally divided in their opinion thereon.

In the name of the Committee J. Quincy

Capt John Holbrook being absent at the meeting of the Committee, aforesd. was desired by the Moderator to give his Judgment Respecting the Dividing of the Commons which was to this purpose (viz) That it ought to be divided by the Poles.

Dissents entered against dividing the commons by Poles. Thomas Faxon, Thomas Copeland John Curtis, Samuel Savel

Junr. & Benjamin Cleverly entred their dissent against the proceedings of this meeting

[157] 1753 May 21st.

The Question being put by the Moderator after considerable Debate whether the Towns Commons shall be divided by the Poles, and it pass^{d} in the affirmative.

Majo^{r} Moses Belcher, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Capt Richard Brackett, Messrs John Hayward, Joseph Arnold & Ebenezer Thayer Junr. entered their dissent against the vote for dividing the commons by the poles.

Then the Question was proposed by the moderator whether the Town would choose a Committee to consider under the vote to Divide the Towns Commons by the Poles who may and ought to be Interested in said commons according to said vote and report thereon at the adjournment. Likewise to produce an exact list of all such persons, and To consider how large Lotts said Commons shall be laid out in. Voted and passed in the affirmative. Likewise voted said Committee consist of seven they serving the Town Gratis.

Committee &c And then the following Gent. were Seperately nominated and chosen to serve as a Committee for that affair, (vizt) Lieut. John Hunt, Capt. Thomas Wales, M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Niles, Maj^{r} Joseph Crossby, Dea^{n} John Adams, Dea^{n} John Holbrook, and Lt Richard Thayer.

adjourned. Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned to the third monday in june next at one of the clock P.M. to this place.

May 21st. 1753.

Representative. Pursuant to a precept for the choice of a Representative, the Freeholders and other Inhabitants duly Qualified having had Legal warning, assembled, and the meeting being opened, proceeded to the choice of a Representative, and the votes being brot, in and examined, Mr. Samuel Niles was chosen.

On the same day the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law, To Transact Town affairs being assembled to Transact some affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in the Warrants are as follows. After a Moderator chose, 1st To Consider & Determine how to order the Schools, in said Town for the best advantage of said Town.

2^{d}. To consider off & Resolve upon some method to settle the Difference between Bridgewater & Abington Respecting the Line between this Town & Bridgewater & Abington.

3^{d} To receive the Report or Reports of a Committee or Committees

4th. To Consider and act upon building a small house to keep the Town's powder in

5th. To Consider and make satisfactory to Mr. Peter Adams for making a place to keep the Town's powder in — or allow his accompt —

Moderator. Being assembled as afores[d] Mr. Josiah Quincy was nominated and chosen Moderator.

Schools ordered as last year (vide page 150) And then voted the Schools be ordered as the last year (vide page 150)

Voted, That Cap[t] Ebenezer Thayer, Lieut Thomas Hollis, and Lieut Richard Thayer be a Committee to order the School in the Middle Precinct

Voted, That the South precinct Draw their proportionable part of the School money.

Selectmen Impowered to prosecute the Selectmen of Abington Voted, That the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree be Directed and Impowered forthwith to commence a suit against the Selectmen of the Town of Abington for refusing to perambulate the line between said Towns upon notice given them as the Law Directs

Voted, That there should be a small House built to keep the Towns stock of powder and Bullets in.

[158] Small House to be built. Voted, Dea[n] John Adams, Mr William Penneman & M[r] Jonathan Allen be a Committee to Look a suitable place to build said House and Report to the Town on their adjournment.

The articles Respecting the Committees Report and Mr Peter Adam's demand refer[d] to the adjournment

adjournment. Then Voted the meeting to be adjourned to the Third Monday in june next at three o'Clock P.M. in this place.

June 18th. 1753.

Representative. Pursuant to a Precept Directed to the Select men, for the choice of a Representative. The freeholders and other Inhabitants duly Qualified, having had Legal warning assembled, and the meeting being opened, proceeded to the choice of a Representative, the Votes being brot in & examined Mr. John Ruggles was chosen.

Committee Respecting the commons their report. On the same Day the freeholders & others Inhabitants Qualified to Transact Town affairs being legally assembled by adjournment from the 21st. Day of May Last proceeded to hear the Report of the Committee chosen to consider under the vote for Dividing the Towns Common's &c (vide page 157)

The Report & List Drawn by said Committee Lodged with the Clerk.

Committee to settle the Treasurey their report. On the same Day the Freeholders & others Inhabitants Qualified to Transact Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the 20th. of May aforesaid proceeded to hear the Report of the Committee chosen to adjust accounts with Cap[t]. Richard Faxon, late Town Treasurer which said report being Read, as it stands Recorded in the Treasurers Book (vide page 66 & 65 Foll 2[d] was accepted by the Town and the Question being put by the Mod[r]. whether Capt Richard Faxon Late Treasurer should be discharged from his said late office agreeable to the Report of the Committee aforesaid Voted and passed in the affirmative.

Sam[l] Niles released. Voted, M[r] Samuel Niles be released from his purchase of Benj[a]. Owens Land

Voted, the Selectmen are directed to notify the Selectmen of Abington to perambulate the Line between said Towns and on their Refusal are Impowered to commence a suit against them for such Refusal &c.

Storeroom for powder &c Voted, M[r]. Will[m] Penniman's offer respecting making a place in his Barn to keep the Town's powder and Ball in be accepted and that Lieut Richard Thayer M[r]. Will[m] Penniman & Elisha Niles be a Committee to take care and make a suitable place in said Barn for that purpose.

Voted, that the Selectmen are desired to examine the Town Books & see if there has been anything allowed M[r] Adams for making a place, to keep the Towns powder in and Report to the Town.

July 10th. 1753.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified by Law to Transact Town affairs being assembled by Legal warning to Transact some affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows. After a Moderator chosen &c.

First, To consult & Determine what may be necessary or convenient to be done respecting the stones on or in the Town's Common viz) whether that any shall be carried off of said Town's Common's or not at such price as the Town at said meeting shall Determine upon or otherwise as the said Town shall think fit, and to choose a committee or Committees as may be thought necessary respecting, wood or stones as the said Town shall Direct and whether a committee may be chosen and Impowered to prosecute all such Trespasses as the said Town shall direct, to also to consider of choosing a Committee to call the Last (viz.) Last Committee chose to make sale of the stones on the Towns Common to an accompt.

[159] Or Secondly, To consider off Resolve upon or Ratify the vote passed at a meeting of said Town, held by adjournment on the twenty first Day of May Last (viz) That said Town Commons, should be Divided by Poles, according to a Report of a Committee of said Town offered to said Town at their meeting held by adjournment on the eighteenth of June Last.

Respecting the Common. Or Thirdly, To consider and Resolve upon Dividing said Town's Common's in any other way or manner that s[d] Town at s[d] meeting shall think proper, and to choose such Committee or Committees as shall be thought necessary to perfect the division, said Town at said meeting shall determine upon.

Moderator. Assembled and the meeting being opened &c proceeded and chose M[r] Sam[l]. Niles Moderator, on some Debate respecting the previous oath. M[r] Niles was excused and M[r]. William Penniman was chosen Moderator.

Returns on the Warrants accepted On some dispute Respecting the Returns of the Warrants the Question was put whether the

Town would accept said Returns Voted, and passed in the affirmative.

Stones and wood not be carried from the town Commons. Voted, That no person or persons shall carry off the Towns Commons any stones until Further orders from said Town.

Voted, That no wood be cut or carried off said Commons by any person or persons until Further orders from said Town.

Committee chose in 1749 Renewed. Voted, The former Committee Chosen in August 1749 be a Committee to prosecute all such persons as have carried (off) or shall carry any stones or wood from the Towns Commons.

Vote confirmed for Dividing the Commons by Polls. Voted, That the Town Confirm and Ratify a vote passed at a meeting of said Town held by adjournment on the twenty first day of May Last (viz) that said Towns Common's should be Divided by Polls.

Committee chose to perfect said Division. Voted, To choose a Committee to Perfect the Division of said Towns Commons, said Committee to consist of five, and then the following Gent^{s} were seperately nominated and chosen as a Committee for that affair (viz) Capt Thomas Wales Ens^{n}. James Penniman, Capt Richard Brackett, Mr Sam^{ll} Niles & Mr Ebenezer Adams.

1753, August 27th

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning to Transact such other affairs of said Town the particulars thereof Inserted in the Warrants as as follows — After a Moderator chosen &c.

First, To raise money to Defrey the Town Charges for the present year.

Secondly, For the Inhabitants of said Town to bring in their valuations to the Selectmen.

Thirdly, To choose a Constable in the stead of John Spear, he Refusing to take the oath Required by Law.

Fourthly, To choose a Surveyor of Highways in the stead of Jos. Field.

Fifthly, To Prevent Rams Running at Large until such time as the Town shall think fit.

Sixthly, To Choose a Committee to consider whether the Treasury be charged & cumbred with Nath^{ll} Owen Junr, Bond or any of the like nature, and likewise to consider and adjust the value of old Bonds Due to the Town and Direct the Treasurer respecting the same

Seventhly, To hear the Report of a Committee or Committees.

[160] Being assembled &c chose Dea. John Adams, Moderator.

Money raised. £135 — L. mo. Voted, That One Hundred and Thirty five pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls and Ratable Estates, for Defreying the charges of the Town for the present year.

Then the Moderator called for the Valuations.

Charles Baxter Constable took the oath. Then proceeded & chose Charles Baxter Constable, and—

Voted, Joseph Field a Surveyor of Highways for the North precinct

Rams restrained Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would Restrain Rams from Running at Large from the twelfth day of September, unto the twelfth of November, and all Rams running at Large within said Term in any Part of the Town be forfeited to the finder. Voted and passed in the affirmative.

Committee to adjust Old Bonds &c Voted, Messrs Richard Thayer, William Penniman & Sam^{ll} Niles be a Committee to Consider whether the Treasury be charged with Nathl Owen Junr. Bond or any other of the like nature, and Likewise to consider and adjust the value of old Bonds Due to the Town and Direct the Treasury respecting the same.

1753 Sep^{t} 6th.

Warrants. Moderator. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning, (After a Moderator chosen) To see if the Town would Petition the Great & General Court to settle the Colony line from accord pond to angle tree that the Difficulties & Disputes subsisting by Reason of that Line may be prevented and that the Town make suitable provision for forwarding a Petition as aforesaid by Investing the Selectmen with power therefor or by choosing a Committee, or by doing anything at said meeting that shall be thought necessary in that affair. Being assembled &c Mr Josiah Quincy was chosen Moderator.

A petition forward^{d} Respecting the Colony Line & Voted, That the Town petition the General Court to settle the Colony Line, so far as it respects the Inhabitants of the Towns of Bridgewater, abington & Braintree

Voted, That the Towns of Bridwater & Abington be Invited to join in said Petition.

Committee. Then Mess^{s}. Sam^{ll}. Niles Junr. William Penniman & Sam^{ll} Bass, were seperately chosen as a Committee to forward said petition Voted, that said committee Petition the General Court to Suspend the actions now Depending between Bridgwater & Abington until said Line be settled.

1753 September 13th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled on Legal warning, After a Moderator chosen

First, To hear the Report of the Last committee chosen to Treat with the Selectmen of Bridgwater and the Selectmen of Abington

Warrant Moderator Secondly, To act on anything that shall be thought proper in order to settle that affair or to Defend the actions that are Depending with the Towns aforesaid, and if it be

thought needful to choose a Committee to act in said affair (Being assembled &c) Capt Richard Faxon was chosen Moderator, and Mr Sam^{ll} Niles to take the minutes, the Clerk being absent.

[161] 1753 Septr. 13th.

Committees Report, respecting the Line. The Committee then offered their Report which is as follows. "Pursuant to the vote of the Town, we met the Selectmen of the Towns of Bridgwater & Abington, but they absolutely Refused to Petition the General Court with the Town of Braintree, unless we would petition to have that line settled which was run by Co^{ll} Thaxter, & Capt Thompson, in the year A.D. 1713, but finally proposed to join with us, provided we would refer the controversy which is subsisting between us to the Determination of three, five or seven uninterested Gent^{n}. which are not in the Government of Rhode-island, and provided the Town of Braintree agree in the last proposals they engage to disist their suit.

Sam^{ll} Niles
Samuel Bass, } Committee
William Penniman

Then the Question was put by the Moderator, whether the Town would comply with the proposall of the Towns of Bridgwater and Abington made to our Committee & Voted and passed in the Negative.

Selectmen Impowered &c. Then Voted, That the Selectmen Imploy an Attorney to answer the suits brot against us by Bridgwater & Abington.

1753, October 29th.

Warrant &c Respecting the Line Negative vote. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning (After a Moderator chosen) To consider and Determine upon some effectual Method for the settling the Line betwixt this Town and the Towns of Bridgwater and Abington, and to choose such Committee or Committees as the Town shall think proper to manage that affair, Assembled &c. Chose Co^{ll}. John Quincy Moderator, And after considerable debate the Question was put, by the Moderator, whether they would act anything on this Warrant, passed in the Negative, and so the meeting Dissolved.

1753 Decemb^{r} 4th.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled on Legal warning to Transact some affairs of said Town the particulars thereof Inserted in the warrants are as follows. After a Moderator Chosen.

First, To reconsider any vote or votes that have passed relating To the Towns Commons.

Secondly, To Consider whether it may not be proper for the Towns committee to make up and settle accompts with those persons that have Got stones without their leave

Thirdly, To consider and Resolve upon some just & effectual method for Dividing or Regulating the Town's Common's

Fourthly, To Transact any matter or thing that shall be thought proper to promote the peace & Interest of the Town Respecting the said Commons.

Moderator. Assembled &c. Dea^{n} John Adams was chosen Moderator.

Commons. Then the Question put by the Mod^{r} whether the Town would Reconsider any vote or votes that have passed relating to the towns Commons, voted and passed in the Negative.

[162] 1753 Decr. 4th.

Price of stones doubled. Voted, the Committee Imployed to take care of the stones &c on the Towns Common's be Impowered to make up accompts with such persons as have carried stones off the Towns Commons without the said Committee's Leave by doubling the price of said stones.

Division of the Common Ratify^{d} Then the Question was put whether the Town would proceed in any other method than they have hitherto proceeded upon respecting the Division of the Towns commons Voted, and pass^{d} in the Negative.

Then Voted, that all the votes that have heretofore passed Respecting the Division of the Town's commons be Ratify^{d} & confirmed —

1753 De^{r} 4th.

Warrant. Colony Line. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning, after a Moderator chosen, To hear the report of the agents of the Selectmen Respecting the controversy subsisting between this Town and the Towns of Bridgwater & Abington, concerning the Colony Line & act thereupon as the Town shall think proper, assembled &c.

Mr Josiah Quincy was chosen Moderator

Agents Report. The Agents of the Selectmen producing an agreement, made with the Selectmen of Bridgwater and the Selectmen of Abington Respecting the Colony Line, and the same was Voted, accepted and approved

Committee. Then Voted the Agents afores^{d} (viz) Jos. Crossby Esqr M^{r}. Josiah Quincy & William penniman be a Committee to meet the Selectmen of Abington to forward that affair.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers for the year 1754.

1754, March 4th. Warrants.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning at the meeting House in the Middle precinct of said Town for the choice of Town Officers and Transacting other necessary affairs of said Town the particulars thereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

1st. To choose all such Town Officers as the Law directs, and consider whether two Surveyors of Highways only shall be Improved for the year ensuing and act thereon as the Town shall think best, also to bring in their votes for a County Treasurer.

2dly To consider off and act upon Building a house for the use of the Towns Poor

3dly To consider of mending the ways by a tax and Determine thereon as the Town shall think proper.

4thly To see if the Town will allow anything as a Premium for black birds & Squirrells.

5thly To choose a Committee to inspect the wood on the Towns Land and see that none be cut down.

6thly To consider of and accept of those Town ways that have been laid out of late by the Selectmen or any of them as the Town shall think proper.

Moderator. Being assembled &c Coll. William Hunt was chosen Moderator.

Clerk. Then proceeded and chose Elisha Niles Clerk.

County Treasurer. The Moderator then called for Votes for a County Treasurer which Votes were brought in and sealed as the Law directs.

[163] 1754, March 4th

Selectmen Then, Voted, that the Town would have five Selectmen for this present year and the votes being Collected & Examined it appeared, Messrs. John Adams, Jonathan Webb, Thomas Allen, Samuel Niles junr. and Samuel Bass were chosen Selectmen.

Constable Ebenezer Spear accepted. Then the Moderator called for votes for Constables and the votes being Collected and Examined it appeared Messrs Jonathan Rawson, Jonathan Allen & Mathew Pratt were chosen Constables. The said Mathew Pratt presenting Ebenezer Spear to serve as Constable in his stead, the said Spear was accepted as Constable provided the said Mathew Pratt give bond to Indemnify the Town

Thomas Faxon, accepted. The aforesaid Jonathan Allen presenting Thomas Faxon to serve as Constable in his stead the sd Faxon was accepted in his room as Constable provided the said Allen give bond to the Town as aforesaid.

Ways, by a tax negatived. The Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town, would mend the ways by a Tax. Voted and passed in the Negative.

Adjournment Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned to Tuesday the fifth Instant at one of the clock P.M. to this place.

1754 March 5th

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Legally assembled by adjournment from the fourth of March Instant.

The Question was put by the Moderator whether two Surveyors

only shall be Improved for the present year. pass^{d} in the Negative.

Then the several officers hereafter named were chosen by Nomination.

Surveyors of Highways, Ens^{n}. David Bass, Ens^{n}. Nathaniel Belcher, Ens^{n}. Thomas Thayer, Nathaniel Wales, Ezekiel Crane, Dea. Samuel Bass.

Fence Viewers, Joseph Neal, Seth Bass, William White, Benjamin Hayden, Jonathan Wild jun^{r}. Joseph Wales jun^{r}.

Treasurer, Elisha Niles.

Tythingmen, Joseph Hayward, James Thayer & Jonathan Baxter.

Surveyors of Lumber, Coll. Wm Hunt, John Wade, Lieut Joseph White & Guildford Field.

Fire Wardens, Clement Crane, Daniel White & Clement Hayden

Sealers of Leather, Jedidiah Bass & Abijah Allen.

Hogreives, Luke Lambert, Joseph Tirrel, William Bowditch Mathias Chessman, Benjamin Field, Samuel Crosbey, William Penniman jun^{r}. Moses Penniman, John Sanders, James Orberton & Ebenezer Crane.

House for ye Poor. Voted, That the Town build a House for the use of the Towns Poor. Voted, the Selectmen are Desired to Look a suitable place to build said House and make report to the Town at the Meeting in May next

Premium on Birds Voted, a Premium be allowed on black birds & squirrels viz. one penny ℔ head for old ones, and a farthing for young ones to continue from the first of April to the first of October.

Committee to inspect the Towns Land. Voted, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Ensign Nath^{ll} Belcher & Dea. Moses Belcher be a Committee to inspect the wood on the Towns Land &c. and prosecute such as cut down the same.

Then the following Reports of the Selectmen was Read before the Town (viz)

Braintree February 9th 1754.

Selectmen's report of Ways. We the subscribers, being desired by a number of persons of the Town abovesaid to Lay out a Town way in said Town.

Way laid out south side ye River on Mr. Niles Farm. Town way — We proceeded to Lay out said way as followeth (viz) Begining at a Town way Running through the Revnd. Mr Samuel Niles Farm to Ensign Nathaniel Belcher's Land from thence the said way is to be Two Rods wide, one Rod on said Mr Niles, and one Rod on said Belchers Running on the South side of Mr Niles' Farm so far as said Belchers Land goes, from thence the said way is to be one Rod and half Half wide, all on the Rev^{d} Mr Niles Land and also the South side of his farm as aforesaid [164] till we come to Abijah Neal's Land, also a way Two Rods wide beginning at a stake and heap of stones by the way above said so running on said Belcher's Land straight to the west side of a heap

of stones by a post in M^{r}. Ebenezer Copelands Fence, from thence as the way is Improved up by Naphtali Thayer's House.

John Adams }
Samuel Bass, } Selectmen.
Thomas Allen }

Braintree January 10th. 1754.

Town Way, Leading to Stoughton. We the Subscribers being Desired by a Considerable number of the Inhabitants of the Town aforesaid to Lay out a Town way in said Town, We then proceeded the Day and year abovesaid to Lay out said way Two Rods wide as followeth (viz) Beginning by a way leading to Stoughton, at a stump with stones upon it standing between Crane & Tower so Running straight to a Grey oak Tree with stones about it standing between said Tower & James Clark, from thence running across said Tower to the East side of a Rock with stones on it in David Slone's Land from thence running on said Slone to the South East side of a Great Rock with stones on it in said Sloans land from thence Running on said Sloan's land to the south of a Rock with stones on it a side of a swamp in Sam^{ll} Spears Land, from thence all on said Slone to a great Rock with stones on it in said Sloan's Ground, From thence a straight Line across said Sam^{ll} Spears Feild and so to a Chesnutt stake in said Slones Land by the Fence standing between said Sloan & Benjamin Spear jun^{r} from thence on said Benjamin Spear to the easterly side of a Birch Tree standing by a Little River in said Benja Spears Land from thence on said Benja Spears land to the Easterly side of a Chesnutt stump with stones about it, in said Benja Spears Land, from thence running North East acrost said Benja Spears Land to Coll. Samuel Millers land so acrost said Millers Land running about East to a Rock with stone on it near the Line between said Coll Miller and Micah White from thence half on said Miller and half on said White Running about North till we come to a Town way Leading to Stoughton near said Micah Whites House

John Adams }
Samuel Bass, } Selectmen.
Thomas Allen }

Braintree Feb 5th 1753.

Town Way by Capt. Jno Whites. We the subscribers being Desired by several of the Inhabitants of the South Precinct of Braintree aforesaid to Lay out a Town way in the Easterly part of said Precinct, We then proceeded to Lay out said way one Rod & half wide as followeth (viz) Beginning at the way Leading to Bridgwater at the Northermost corner of Widow Clark's Land then Running Easterly acrost Lieut Joseph Whites Land, Joseph Thayers Land, Joseph Porters Land and Mathew Pratts Land until we come to John Whites Land about 190 poles. Then Southerly upon Mathew Pratts Land about 21 poles. Then near the same course partly upon Mathew Pratt, partly on John White Land at the beginning upon John Whites Land 5 feet wide about 32 poles, and at the end of Thirty Two poles one rod wide upon

John Whites Land, and so about the same course upon John Whites Land about 130 poles then Easterly acrost John Whites Land Capt. John Holbrook, & Ebenezer Whites Land, called the Twelfth Lott then across Benja. Thayers Land untill we come to Capt Richard Faxon's Line about a hundred poles.

John Adams, }
Samuel Bass, } Selectmen.
Thomas Allen }

Braintree Feby 4th. 1754

Town Way by David Bass. We the subscribers being Desired by several persons of the Town abovesaid to Lay out a Town Way in said Town, then we proceeded to Lay out said way one rod and a half wide as followeth, Namely beginning at a gate at the South west end of a Cansey leading to Popes Island, From thence a straight Line running to the North side of Ens^{n}. David Bass barn, from thence to a gate standing between s^{d} Ens^{n} Bass and Mr Samuel Bass and from thence as the way is Improved up to a Town way near Mr Simon Crossbeys house the said way is to be with Gates & Barrs

John Adams }
Samuel Bass, } Selectmen.
Thomas Allen }

The four Reports of the Selectmen on this and the opposite page being severally Read was Seperately Voted, accepted and approved and as they stand here Inserted are true Entry^{s} from the Original Returns Attest Elisha Niles Town Clerk.

[165] 1754 May, 20th.

Representatives. Pursuant to a Precept for the choice of Representative the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town, Qualified to vote in that affair being Legally assembled and the Meeting being opened the Question was put whether the Town would send two Representatives provided the Town be at no Additional expense thereby voted and passed in ye affirmative, and then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen viz. Messrs Josiah Quincy, Samuel Niles.

1754 May, 20th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning to Transact such affairs of said Town the perticulars whereof, as Inserted in the warrants are as follows, viz —

After a Moderator Chosen. 1st To hear the report of the Committees chosen & Impowered to Divide the Towns Common's and take care of the wood & stones on said Common and act thereon, as be thought proper.

2dly To consider of and do what may be thought proper respecting that part of said common voted for the use of the Ministry, viz. To take a part thereof for the use of the church and South Precinct societies or to vote them according to their proportion of the

remainder of said common to the use of the ministry for each of them.

Common &c 3dly To consider of and do what may be most for the good & peace of the Town Respecting said commons either in Dividing them by Polls, or Taxes, or by leasing them out or by any other way or Method that the Town may think proper to do with said common and make such preparatories on either of the aforesaid Heads as may be necessary, and to choose such Committee or Committees as the Town may have occasion, to manage on the affairs of said Common.

Being assembled &c Chose Mr Samuel Niles Moderatr.

Then The Report of the Committee Impowered to make sale of the stone was Read, and after considerable Debate the warrant voted Dismissed.

May 20th. 1754.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning to Transact such affairs of said Town, the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows viz. after a Moderator Chosen, First To raise money to Defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Secondly, To consider of and Determine upon some speedy & Effectual method to Rail the Iron work or stone Bridge.

Thirdly, To here and Determine upon the Demands Mr. Peter Adams hath on the Town.

Fourthly, To choose such Town Officers as may be necessary for the present year.

[166] Fifthly, To Consider of and confirm or Disannull a vote passed in March last allowing a premium on black birds & Squirrels.

Sixthly, To choose a Committee or Committees as the Town shall think proper assembled &c Capt Richard Faxon, was chosen Moderator.

Town Officers. First proceeded to the choice of Town Officers and the following persons were separately chosen (viz) Ezekiel Crane, Surveyor of Highways. Hogg-Reives John Stone James Orberton.

Fence Viewers Jonathan Wild Jr. Joseph Wales Jr.

Fire Wardens Daniel White Clement Crane.

Committee to Rail the Iron Work Bridge. Then Voted, a Committee be chosen to rail the Iron work Bridge and Messrs. James Penniman, John Curtis, & Capt Ebenezer Thayer, were chosen a Committee for that affair.

Mr Peter Adams allowance. Then Voted, Mr Peter Adams be allowed Three pounds Lawfull money of the Towns he giving a full Discharge to the Town Respecting his own and his Father's Demand on said Town, and deliver up what of the Towns stock he hath in his hands.

1754 June 24th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of The Town

of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal warning to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen, First, To consider of and Determine whether the Town will accept of or comply with the agreement of the Selectmen of this Town and the Selectmen of Abington, relating to the settling the Line between said Towns on the Line that was Run by Coll Thaxter & Capt Thompson anno Dom^{r} 1713 Secondly, To choose a Committee to make up accompts with Elisha Niles the present Town Treasurer.

Thirdly, To see if the Town at this time will put a stop for the paying for birds & Squirrells.

Being assembled &c Edmund Quincy Esq. was chosen Moderator.

The Selectmens agreement respecting the Line Negative. The aforesaid agreement of the Selectmen being Read & Debated the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would accept the same voted and passed in the Negative.

Committee to settle ye Treasurer. Then Mr William Penniman. Capt Ebenezer Thayer & Mr. Josiah Quincy were seperately nominated and chosen a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

[167] 1754, August 19th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legal warning to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows viz.

After a Moderator Chosen &c

First, To consider & Determine upon that part of the excise act Relating to private Consumption of wine & Distill^{d} Liquors.

Secondly, To raise money to Defrey the Charge of the Town this Present year.

Thirdly, For any of the Inhabitants of the Town to bring in their valuations to the Selectmen.

Fourthly, To choose a Committee if the Town Think best to petition the General Court for some help for building the Iron work or Stone Bridge.

Fifthly, To consider of the Request of Ens^{n}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher respecting an abatement on a lease which he hath of the Towns Land, and also an allowance for fencing on the same.

Sixthly, To consider what to do in the affair between this Town and Abington.

Seventhly, To consider and resolve on some Method of Repairing or rebuilding the Cart Bridge near Mr. Peter Diers

Eighthly, To choose such Comm^{ttees} as shall appear necessary and to hear the Reports of any already chosen.

Ninthly, To consider and determine on the Jury list.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Mr. Edmund Quincy was chosen Moderator.

Bills on wines &c passed. Voted, for the passing of the Bill

respecting the Excise on Wines and Distill^{d} Spirits privately consumed Yea 30 Nay 29

Com^{ttee}. raised to treat with the Selectmen of Abington. Voted, to Raise a Com^{ttee} to Treat with the Selectmen of Abington. respecting the controversy subsisting about the Line and Report to the Town on their adjournment of this meeting and then the following Gent^{n}. were separately nominated and chosen a Com^{ttee}. for that purpose viz. Mr Josiah Quincy, Capt. Thos. Allen & Mr. James Penniman

Money raised £200 L. Mo. Voted, Two Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money be assessed on the Polls & rateable Estates within this Town to Defrey the charge of said Town this present year.

Com^{ttee} to petition ye Gen^{ll} Court. Voted Capt Richard Faxon, Edmund Quincy Esq. & Capt Thomas Wales, be a Com^{ttee}. to Petition the Genl. Court for some relief for building the stone Bridge.

Ens^{n} Nathl Belcher allow^{d}. Voted, Mr. Nath^{ll}. Belcher be allowed eight shillings Lawfull money per annum as an abatement on his and his Bro^{s}. Lease to the Town, being an error.

Also, Voted, s^{d}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher be allowed Twelve shillings in his part of the Lease in consideration of the Loss he sustains in Fencing.

Committee to let out the Cart Bridge to be rebuilt of Stone Voted, the Cart Bridge nigh Mr. Peter Diers be rebuilt with stone and then Mr. Caleb Hobart, Mr. Shadrack Thayer & Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll}. Bass, were separately nominated & chosen a com^{ttee}. to Let out said Bridge to the lowest bidder.

The report of the Committee to settle with Treasurer Then the Committee appointed on the 24th June last to settle acct^{s}, with Elisha Niles Town Treasurer produced their report on that affair which said report with the list of outstanding Debts as they stand Inserted in the Treasurer's book Vol. 2 pages, 70, 71, 72 was Read & Voted accepted.

Benj^{a}. & Nathl Owen's debts remitted. Then the town Voted that Benj^{o}. Owen & Nath^{ll} Owens Heirs be remitted the demands the Town hath on them as Inserted in said list.

Meeting adjourned Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned to monday the sixteenth Day of September next at two of the Clock P.M. at this place.

1754, August 19th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legall warning to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows, viz. After a Moderator chosen, &c. First To consider whether the Committee chosen and Impowered to sell Stones on the Towns Common in August 1749, shall yet have Liberty to sell stones on said common's, and also to make up with such persons as have gotten stones off said Commons, at such prices as they think proper. Secondly, To accept or refuse the report offered to the Town in June 1753

(viz.) the list of the names of those that should have a full right in the Towns Commons, with such amendments as may be thought proper by said Town

[168] 1754 Augst. 19th.
Thirdly, To go into a method of Leasing, Selling or Dividing in any other way which shall be thought proper by said Town.
Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid chose Capt Thomas Wales Moderator.
adjourned. Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting, adjourned to monday the sixteenth Day of September next at one of the clock, P.M. to this place.

1754, September 16th.
The Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by law to Transact Town Affairs being legally assembled by adjournment from the nineteenth of August Last.
List read. Voted, the Com^{ttee} chosen in 1749 be still Impowered to make up with such persons as have gotten stones off the Towns Comons.
Then the List offer^{d}. to the Town in June 1753, was again Read before the Town.
Voted, to pass by the second article in the Warrant for the present.
Voted, to Lease out the Towns Commons.
Com^{ttee}. to consult Respecting leasing out the Com. Voted, that a Com^{ttee} be Raised to consider of a suitable Term to Lease out the Towns Commons and to consult with & Receive proposals from such as may appear to Hire said Common exclusive of cutting wood on said commons, and make report to the town on the adjournment. Then the following Gent^{n}. were separately nominated & chosen a Com^{ttee} for that purpose viz. Edmund Quincy Esqr, Co^{ll}. Willm. Hunt, Joseph Crosbey Esqr. Capt. Thomas Wales & Lieut. Richard Thayer.
Com^{ttee} Impowered. meeting adjourned. Voted, The Committee chosen in August 1749, be still continued a Committe to Inspect the wood and stones on the Towns com^{n}. Then Moderator with consent of the meeting adjourned to the First Monday in November next at Ten of the Clock forenoon at this place.

1754 Sept. 16th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the nineteenth of August last.
Excise act, reconsidered. Voted, To reconsider the vote pass^{d}. the nineteenth of August Last respecting the excise act, also Voted the excise bill, now under consideration is inconsistent with our Rights & privileges as Englishmen is contrary to the nature & spirit of our happy Constitution; and that our Representatives be desired to prevent as far as in them lies this bill or

any other method of raising money by excise, upon our private consumption from passing into a Law.

Com^{ttee}. for Abington their report. The Com^{ttee} appointed on the nineteenth of august last to treat with the Selectmen of Abington &c offer^{d} their Report to the Town which was as follows, (viz) That the Town perambulate the Line called Thompson & Thaxters Line and pay the charge of Abington execution they remitting the fines in said execution

James Penniman } Com^{ttee}
Thomas Allen }

Septr. 16, 1754.

The above report is a true Entry Elisha Niles Town Cler.

Com^{ttee} to compleat agreements. Dissents entered. The above report was Voted, accepted and Messrs Thomas Allen James Penniman & Samuel Bass were chosen a Com^{ttee} to compleat the agreement with the Selectmen of Abington. The Gent^{n} whose names are subscribed Entred their protest against the above vote the same Day, (viz) Mr Josiah Quincy Capt Richard Faxon & Capt. John Thayer

Money raised £18 = 5 = 4 — Voted, that Eighteen Pounds, five shillings & four pence be assessed &c to Defrey the charge of building the Bridge nigh Mr Peter Diers &c

[169] 1754 November 4th.

adjournment. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled by adjournment from the sixteenth of September last, The committee chosen on the said sixteenth of September offer^{d} their report which was read before the Town and is as follows, (viz).

Braintree Oct 14, 1754

Committee to Lease the Commons their report. The Comittee appointed by the Town at their last Meeting to examine into the state of the Common Lands and to receive Proposals from such persons who might incline to hire said Lands upon Lease for a certain Number of years, Having caused seasonable notifications to be put up in the several precincts, in the Town of their attending the said service this Day at the House of Mr John Hobart's in the Middle precinct did accordingly meet at said place where sundry Persons appeared but finding the Committee not vested with a power of agreeing with them upon any certain terms, They declined making any offers, relating to the same until such time as agents should be appointed & authorized by the Town to accept of such proposals as might be offered & approved of and to execute any Lease or Leases pursuant thereto

And the said Committee having endeavor^{d} in the Best manner they could to inform themselves of the present state & circumstances of the said Comon Lands and what measures may be most advisable for the Town to come into respecting the Leasing of the

said Lands pursuant to their late vote are ready to offer their sentiments thereon if desired.

Edmund Quincy in the
Name of ye Committee.

Voted That a Committee be raised to Lease out the Towns Common's under such restrictions & directions as the Town shall now give them respecting said Lease.

Voted, Said Committee to consist of five. Then the following Gent^n were seperately nominated & Chosen a Com^ttee for that affair viz. Edmund Quincy Esqr., Co^ll. W^m. Hunt, M^r. James Penniman Capt. Thomas Wales & Mr Samuel Bass.

Com^ttee to lease Commons. Voted, that Two more be added to the above said Committee Then Lieut Richard Thayer & Mr Samuel Niles were chosen to Join said Committee. Voted, that any four of the above said com^ttee be a Quorum. Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the abovesaid Committee, shall have full power to Execute Leases of the stones & Herbage either of the whole or part of said commons to such as shall appear to Hire the same and for such a Term as said Com^ttee shall Judge most advantageous To the Town. Voted and passed in the affirmative.

[170] Committee Return of Perambulating The line with Abington. We Sam^ll. Bass, James Penniman & Thos Allen being appointed by the Town of Braintree to perambulate the Line between the Town of Braintree, and the Town of Abington viz. The Line called Thaxters and Thompsons Line; Did meet with Messrs Daniel Reed, Ephraim Spooner & John Noyce Selectmen of the Town of Abington on the eighth Day of October A.D. 1754, and with the assistance of Mr Jonathan Porter Surveyor: Did begin with a saucefax stake and a heap of stones about it at the North west corner between Abington & Braintree and run Eastward about 19 Degrees North and run one hundred Rods and sett up a saucefax stake and stones about it, on the East side of a Large wood plain, and then on the same course one Hundred Rods more and sett up a White oak stake, and stones about it a Great Ledge of Rocks a little to the Northward of it, and then proceeded one Hundred Rods more and sett up a Hemlock stake & stones about it, the stake standing in the crack of a Rock in Swampy Land, and then proceeded to the Dividing line between Braintree & Weymouth and sett up a Hemlock stake & stones about it about 86 Rods from the bound last mentioned all on the same course first mentioned, said stake last mentioned marked with S B & A. and near a small Hemlock Tree marked on four sides with

David Reed Ephraim Spooner John Noyse	Seletmen of Abington	Samuel Bass James Penniman Thomas Allen	Braintree Committee.

The above is a true Entry from the original

Attest Elisha Niles Town Cler.

1755 Feb^ry 25th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree

Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legall warning to Transact such affairs of said Town particulars whereof as they stand Inserted in the warrants are as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

First, To consider off and act upon anything that may be thought proper Respecting any way or ways that may be thought needfull in any part or parts of the Towns Common.

Secondly, To consider off and do what may be thought proper Respecting the Ministerial Land laid out in the Town's Common's.

Thirdly, To hear any claim that may be brought in by any person or persons that may claim any part that is now esteemed to be the Towns Common.

Assembled as aforesaid Chose Mr Edmund Quincy Moderator.

Voted, The Meeting be adjourned to Thursday the sixth Day of March next at Eleven o Clock fore noon at this place.

[171] 1755 March 3^{d}. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers for the year One Thousand, seven hundred & fifty five.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town Officers and for Transacting other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants are as follows, viz. After a Moderator chosen

First, To Choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year, as the Law directs.

Secondly, To consider off and do what may be thought proper to encourage the Fishery in said Town.

Thirdly, To Hear the Report or Reports of any Committee or Committees, and choose any Committee that may be needfull

Fourthly, To consider of the Request of several persons in the South Precinct respecting the opening the way from Cocheco River to the road by M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Veazie's House, a way formerly laid out.

Fifthly, To consider further and act upon building a House for the Town's Poor.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid chose Mr Sam^{ll} Niles Mod^{r}

Then separately nominated & Voted Elisha Niles Clerk & Treasurer for said Town.

Selectmen Then proceeded to the choice of Selectmen, the votes being Collected & Examined it appeared, Dea. John Adams, Dea. Jon^{a} Webb, Capt. Thos. Allen, M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Allen & Dea. Sam^{ll}. Bass, were chosen.

Constables Eben^{r}. Spear accepted. Then the Moderator Call^{d} for the votes for Constable which being Collected & Examined it appeared Messrs William Spear, James Thayer Secund^{s} & Joseph Thayer were chosen, the said Joseph Thayer presenting Ebenez Spear to the Town for their acceptance to serve as Constable in his stead

Voted said Spear be accepted, said Thayer giving Bond to the Town as hath been usual.

Surveyors of ways. Then the following persons were nominated & Chose Surveyors of ways, viz. Peter Adams, Jonathan Rawson, Lieut. John Hall, Ens^{n} John Hunt, Willm Bowditch, Caleb Thayer, John Thayer Junr, John Holbrook Junr Mathew Pratt, Deering Spear, Jon^{a}. Wild Junr, Jos^{h} Wales Junr.

[172] 1755 March 3^{d}.

Then the following persons were chosen by nomination to the Respective offices as here described viz.

Tything Men. Dea. Moses Belcher, Mr Isaiah Thayer Mr Jonathan Porter.

Surveyors of Lumber, Thos Vinton Junr Luke Lambert John Clark, Willm Field jun^{r}.

Fence Viewers, Joseph Nightengal, James Clark Nathaniel Vinton, Joseph Arnold, Ens^{n} Nathaniel French, & Abiather French.

Fire Wardens, Daniel White, Clement Crane & Clement Hayden.

Sealers of Leather, Jedidiah Bass & Abijah Allen.

Hogg-reaves, Seth Copeland Secund^{s}, Adam Hayward, Nathaniel Curtis, Ezekiel Thayer, Isaac Tirrell, W^{m}. Linsfield, Junr. Moses Spear, Josiah Hunt Jonathan Mills & Moses French Junr.

Voted, that for the encouragement of the Bank Cod fishery to be sett up and carried on within this Town that such persons either of the Town or who may come into the Town from other places and shall annually during the proper season of the year employ themselves in their own vessels or those of other in catching and curing of Cod fish are hereby Freed & to be freed from & Released of their Poll tax for the space of three years next ensuing the time of their Commencing in the s^{d} Business and so long as they continue in it within said term, upon the proviso that all such persons who come from other places, shall be approved of by the Selectmen of the Town or a Maj^{r} part of them from time to time and such of them as shall be by the Selectmen Disapproved of shall be still subject to be warned out of Town according to Law.

Then Capt Benja Beal, Mr Thomas Faxon, & Dea^{n} Jos^{h} Palmer were separately nominated and chosen a Com^{ttee} to take care of the wood on the Town's Land and to prosecute all such persons as have or may Trespass on s^{d} Land.

Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned to Thursday the Sixth Instant at Ten of the clock forenoon at this place.

1755 March 6th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Legally assembled by adjournment from the third Instant &c Guilford Field was chosen a Surveyor of Lumber.

Then a proposall from a Com^{ttee} at Milton was read before the Town Respecting said Town joining in Building a work House, Voted, the Clerk be desired to inform the Gent^{n} of Milton Com^{ttee} their sentiments respecting s^{d} proposal. Then Mr James Thayer

presenting Mr. Thomas Faxon to the Town for their acceptance to serve as Constable in his stead voted sd Faxon be accepted sd Thayer giving bond to Indemnify ye Town

Then Voted, the meeting be adjourned to May next to that Day the meeting for the choice of Representative shall be appointed at nine of the clock A.M.

[173] 1755 March 6th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Legally assembled by adjournment from the Twenty fifth of February last, The Moderator being absent proceeded and chose Capt Richard Brackett Moderator

Voted, That there be an open way from Mr Ebenr Bass' up to the Six hundred acres, Two rods wide.

Voted, That there be an open way from Elijah Veazie & Benja. Baxters, to Ebenezer Bass' corner.

Voted, That there be an open way from Mr Apthorps corner to Mr. Ebenezer Newcombs barrs.

Voted, That there be an open way from the Nine mile stake up to Mr. Marquands one Rod & half wide as it was laid out.

Voted, that Mr Moses Pain have an open way from his own yard to the Towns way about Ten Rods one Rod & half wide.

Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would act anything Respecting the Ministerial Land voted and passed in the Negative.

1755 March 24th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legall warning to Transact such affairs of said Town, the particulars whereof Inserted in the warrants are as follows, viz.

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To consider and Determine upon what may be proposed to Town concerning the Ministerial Land.

Secondly, To know whether the Town concurs with any of those votes passd at the late adjournment, March the sixth Instant, concerning ways on the Towns commons as they were passd when there was but a small number of the Inhabitants by reason of the extraordinary snow, and which vote under the present circumstances of said comons is thought by may inconsistent.

Thirdly, To consider of and do what may be thought proper to accommodate any of the Inhabitants with convenient ways in any part of said commons, with the consent of those persons that have lately taken leases of said comon and making proper allowance to sd Leasees for fencing such ways.

Fourthly, To choose such Committee or Comttees as the Town shall Judge necessary.

Fifthly, To bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer, omitted at the annual meeting.

[174] Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, The Method of choosing a Moderator being Disputed, The Question was put by the

Clerk, whether the Town would choose a Moderator by an uplifted hand passed in the Negative, by Polling. Then Mr Samuel Niles was chosen Moderator by writting.

Ministerial Lands &c. The Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would confirm the Grant made of a hundred acres of the com'on land for the use of the Ministry, voted, & passed in the Negative.

Then the Question was put whether the Town concur with any of the votes passed at the adjournment voted & Polld, concurd, 83 non Concurd 91.

The Question was put whether the Town desire the Selectmen to view the way from Mr Ebenezer Newcombs to Mr Apthorp's corner, and make report, voted and passed in the Negative

Then the Question was put whether the Town would have the way lye open from the nine mile stake to Mr. Marquand voted and passed in the Negative.

The votes being called were Collected & Sealed for a County Treasurer.

1755 May 19th.

Selectmens Report. The Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Legally assembled by adjournment from the sixth of March, last &c. The Report of the Selectmen Relating to the way from Peter Thayer's to Samuel Veazies house Deferrd to a further opportunity.

Moses Brackett Constable Hogreave. Then Voted, that William Spear be excused from serving as Constable, Moses Brackett was then chosen a Constable for the North Precinct & Jedidiah Newcomb a Hog Reave for the present year.

1755 May 19th.

Representative. Pursuant to a Precept for the choice of a Representative the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in that affair being Legally assembled, the Question was put whether the Town would send one person to Represent them at the Great & General Court the present year, Voted & passd in the affirmative. The votes being Collected & Examined it appeared that the Honorable. John Quincy Esqr. was chosen for that service by a majority of the voters present.

1755, Augst. 18th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled on Legal warning at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, viz. After a Moderator chosen, &c.

First To Raise Money to Defrey the Charge of the Town this Present year.

Secondly, To bring in their valuations to the Selectmen.

Thirdly, To consider of and allow something if the Town think proper to erect a Roof over a Room for William Thomson while he lives in the Town's Common's.

Fourthly, To choose a Constable for the North Precinct, if necessary.

[175] Fifthly, To consider of and do anything that may be thought proper Respecting a claim made on a Gore of Land belonging to the Town's Common's

Sixthly, To Receive the Report of any Committee or Committees, or to choose any Com^{ttees} that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid chose Joseph Crosbey Esq. Mod^{r}.

Money raised, £150, L. mo. Voted That One Hundred and Fifty pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls & Ratable Estates within said Town for Defreying the Town Charge this present year.

Thos. Faxon Const^{le}. for the North Precinct Voted, That Thomas Faxon be accepted as Constable for the North Precinct in stead of Moses Brackett said Brackett giving Bond to the Town &c.

Com^{ttee} to examine the claim on a Gore of the Towns Common's. House for Wm Thompson in the Towns Comons To revert to the Town Voted, Messrs. Josiah Quincy, Samuel Niles & James Penniman be a Com^{tee} to view the Deeds & writing respecting the claims on a Gore of the Towns Commons and Report to the Town. Then the Question was put by the Moderator, If Wm Thompson, obtain a room ston^{d} in the Town's Common, where he hath dug, whether the Town will appoint some person to provide materials to finish it and lay the am^{t}. before the Town, voted & passed in the affirmative. Voted, that Elisha Niles have the oversight and take care of said business. said House to Revert to the Town after said Thompson & wife have done with it.

1756 February 2^{d}.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled on Legall warning, to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof inserted in the Warrants are as follows viz —

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To consider of the affair depending between Capt. Faxon and John Thayer Junr. one of the Surveyors of Highways for s^{d} Town, to know whether the Town will assist s^{d} Surveyor in paying the charge that hath arisen by reason of a prosecution commenced against him for the execution of his said office, and also advise & direct in the further management of that affair.

Secondly, To hear the Request of Dea^{n}. Moses Belcher & Ens^{n}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher, or others that have leases of the School Lands (so called) To see whether the Town will give up such leases, as may be desired, and also to see whether the Town will make the said Belcher, any allowance for the fence they have put on s^{d} Land.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will Dispose of the wood on the Towns land.

Assembled as aforesaid Chose Coll. W^{m}. Hunt, Mod^{r}.

The Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would pay Capt. Faxon's charge and move the Fence back, from whence it was Removed, voted and passed in the Negative.

Then Voted That the Town would assist the Surveyor, in Defending the action brot. against him by, Capt. Faxon, and pay the cost that should arise thereon.

[176] 1756 February 2^{d}.

Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would release Dea^{n}. Moses & Ens^{n}. Nath^{ll} Belcher from their Leases of the School Lands, voted & passed in the Negative.

Then the following proposalls made by Capt Faxon were read before the Town, viz. I the subscriber do hereby propose, consent & agree to put a stop to and final issue of the controversy, Subsisting in the Law, between myself & M^{r}. John Thayer Junr. upon the following consideration & condition viz.

That the said John Thayer or the Town on his behalf shall pay or cause to be paid to me or my order on Demand the necessary cost, & charge, I have hitherto expended in commencing & carrying on said controversy or suit against said Thayer in the Law, as, Witness my hand. Richard Faxon.

A true copy of s^{d} proposalls Attest, Elisha Niles Town Cler

The above proposall being read To the Town the Question was put by the Mod^{r}. whether the Town would accept the same, voted & pas^{sd} in the affirmative

Then voted that vote Respecting the Defending the s^{d} action be reconsidered & disannulled

And then voted that the said John Thayer be allowed a Draught on the Town Treasurer sufficient to discharge Capt Faxons cost against him, and likewise Reimburse him such necessary charges as he hath expended in defending said action.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c Anno. Dom^{i} 1756.

1756 March 1st.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled, at the meeting house in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in the Warrants are as follows, viz —

After a Moderator chosen &

First, To Choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer and a Register of Deeds for said County.

Secondly, To Consider of and Determine upon a scheeme of the North Precinct in said Town Respecting the division of the Town into Two Townships.

Thirdly, To Consider of and Determine upon the Request of

any of the Leassees of the School Lands, Likewise to consider & Determine upon the taxes imposed on said lands and also on the Towns Commons (so called)

Fourthly, To Consider and Determine upon mending the ways, in said Town by a Rate if the Town sees fit.

Fifthly, To hear the report of the Com^{ttee} that was chosen some time since to view the Requested by M^{r}. James Penniman, from the way leading to Aldrige' Farm along by the House where his son Thomas lived, and so into the way that goeth by the said M^{r}. Penniman's Dwelling house as the people now pass, and determine the way to be as here described, if the Town think proper.

[177] Sixthly, To see if the Town will sell the wood on the Towns Land

Seventhly, To Consider of selling the Towns Cows.

Eighthly, To hear the Report of the Selectmen Respecting ways laid out last year and act thereon.

Ninthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committee or Com^{ttees} that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid chose Coll. W^{m}. Hunt Moderator.

Clerk & Treasurer — Then Elisha Niles was chosen Clerk and also Treasurer for said Town.

Selectmen. The Votes being called for Selectmen & Collected it appeared by examining the same that, Capt Richard Brackett, Mr. Jonathan Rawson, Lieut Ebenez^{r} Thayer, M^{r}. Jonathan Allen M^{r}. Benjamin Porter, were chosen.

Division of the Town. Voted to postpone the further choice of Town Officers and proceed to the second article in the warrant, Respecting the Division of the Town into two Townships, and then a Memorial of the North precinct by their Com^{ttee} was read before the Town and after considerable debate thereupon the Question was put by the Moderator, whether the Town would Choose a Committee to consider of said Memo^{l} and Report to the Town at May meeting voted & passed in the Negative.

Constables. Then William Savel, Nathaniel Blancher, Samuel Blancher were chosen Constables.

s^{d} Samuel Blancher presenting, Ebenezer Spear to the Town for their acceptance to serve as Constable, in his stead, Voted said Spear be accepted provided said Blancher give for his faithfull discharge of said trust. Nathaniel Blancher presenting Moses French J^{r}. said French was accepted by the Town on the conditions abovesaid.

Mending ways by a rate Then proceeded to the fourth article Respecting the mending the ways by a Rate, and large Debate being had thereon the Mod^{r} put the Question whether the Town would mend their ways by a Rate the year ensuing Voted & disputed Poll^{d} and determined in the affirmative.

Adjournment. Then the Moder^{r}. with the consent of the meeting adjourned to Monday the fifteenth Instant ten of the clock A.M. to this place.

1756 March 15th.

Surveyors of Ways. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Legally assembled by adjournment from the first of March Inst. A motion being made to reconsider the vote passd for the mending the ways in said Town by a Rate, the Question was put by the Modr whether the Town would reconsider said vote passd in the affirmative, and then voted to mend the way in said Town in the usual method by surveyors. Then the following persons were separately surveyors of ways, for the year ensuing viz. Maj'r. Ebenr. Miller, Joseph Neal, Ensn Nathll Belcher, Josiah Capen, Luke Lambert, Benjamin Thayer, Ensn Thomas Thayer, Peter Markquand, Caleb Hobart, Samll Holbrook, Shadrack Thayer, Eliphalet Sawin, Naphtali Thayer Josiah Thayer.

[178] Town Officers. Then the following persons were separately chosen to the offices Respectively as here Inserted, (viz.)

Tything Men. Lieut. John Hall, Mr. William Penniman Mr Aaron Hayward.

Fence Viewers. Moses Pain, Benjamin Ruggles, William White, Jonathan Hayward Secd, Joseph Porter, Ashley Curtis.

Surveyors of Lumber. Coll Wm. Hunt, William Field Jr, Lieut Joseph White.

Fire Wardens. Benjamin Silvester, Zachariah Markquand Mathew Pratt.

Hogreaves. Wilson Marsh, Zachariah Field, John Russell, Benjamin Nash, Jonathan Green, David Sloan Jr, Joshua French, Joseph Tirrell.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Fish men. For to take care & keep the passage way open for Fish, Thomas Vinton Junr, Capt Thos. Allen, Samuel Arnold.

Voted, Mr John Borland a Constable for the North Precinct having first released William Savel from that office upon his request.

Adjournment. And then proceeded on the request of Dean. Moses Belcher and his Brother, the Question being put whether the town would throw up the lease with said Belcher. voted and passed in the Negative. Then whether the Town would make said Belcher any consideration on sd leases voted & contested. Polld & Determined in the affirmative, and after a great debate what consideration to make said Belcher's it was thought proper to refer it to the adjournment of said meeting, and then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting adjourned to monday the twenty second Instant, at ten in the morning to this place.

1756 March 22d.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being Legally assembled by adjournment from the 15th. of March Instant.

Constables. Voted, Mr. John Borland be excused serving as Constable this Present year. Then Mr. Samuel Savel Junr. was chosen as Constable for the present year.

Voted, John Russell be excused serving as Hogreave this Present year.

Voted, Messrs. Belchers affair be Ref^{d} to the May meeting and a Com^{ttee} chosen provided they serve gratis to consider that affair and report to Town what may be best for the Town to do in said affair. Then the following Gen^{n}. were separately chosen a Committee for that purpose, viz. Mr Josiah Quincy Capt. Ebenezer Thayer & Dea John Adams.

Leasees excused from paying taxes. Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would Reimburse the Leasees of the Towns & Commons lands (so called) such Rates or taxes as are imposed on said Land Voted, and contested Poll^{d} & determined in the affirmative.

[179] 1756 March 22^{d}.

The Request of M^{r}. James Penniman respecting the alteration of the way voted Dismis^{d}.

The selling wood refer^{d} The selling the Town's wood Refer^{d}. the meeting in May aforesaid.

Towns Cows to be sold. Voted, The Selectmen sell the Towns Cows and lodge the money in the Town Treasury.

Selectmen Report of ways. The Selectmens Report of the way laid out from Sam^{ll} Haywards to M^{r}. Marquands accepted as after described.

The Selectmens Report of a way laid out from Mr Apthorps corner to Isaac Newcomb accepted as after described.

Voted, That Messrs James Penniman & Samuel Niles be a Com^{ttee} to settle the Line in controversy between M^{r}. Josiah Faxon & the Town Comons so called and if said Committee & Faxon cant agree said Com^{ttee} be impowered to submit the affair to Indeferent men mutually chosen by said Com^{ttee} & Faxon, and for them to make a final issue of s^{d} controversy.

Mr. William Penniman & M^{r}. Isaac Newcomb, were chosen Surveyors of Highways.

Then Dea^{n} John Adams, Lieu^{t} Richard Thayer & Capt Thomas Allen were chosen a Com^{ttee} to settle accoumpts with Elisha Niles Town Treas^{r} and lay their Report before the Town.

Elijah Belcher chosen a Hogreave for this present year.

The Report of the Selectmen of ways laid out which were read before the Town and accepted as follows viz.

Braintree May 14th. 1755.

Way thro' the South Commons. We the subscribers upon the desire of a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, adjoining with the Leasees of the South Commons, met in order to lay out a Town Way on one part of said Commons, and having considered & carefully viewed the same we proceeded as followeth viz. To lay out a way beginning at the way near Mr Apthorps, thence adjoining all along to the Land of the Proprietors, in that quarter, until we came to the corner, of M^{r}. Isaac Newcombs fence, near his house, and have allowed the said way one rodd and half wide and no more, excepting in

some certain places, by reasons of some inconveniences (viz) one place Near Mr Ephraim Prays House we have left out a small Hill of Rocky Land, and another near M^{r}. Benjamin Cleverly's House, and another near M^{r}. Joseph Prays barn, the above said way to be fenced out and lye open for the use of the Town.

John Adams
Thomas Allen } Selectmen.
Jonathan Allen

Way thro' ye North Commons. We the subscribers being requested by a great number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, to lay out a town way from M^{r}. Samuel Haywards through the Town's Comons We then on the 10th. Day of June 1755, Proceeded to lay out said way as follows, (viz.) one Rod & half wide, beginning at the Gate of said Hayward, so running as the way is Improved to Benjamin Savils field, so running thro. said Savils field to the East side of a wall belonging to Thomas Faxon from thence to the East of a small Maple Tree, so running to the west of a great Rock with stones upon it, and from thence to the West of another large Rock with stones upon it and from thence running as the way is Improved so far as the common goes. also a way beginning at the west side of a little round Hill leading from the above said way thro' a place called Purgatory across a corner of Mr Moses Pains Lot, so along aside of said Pains Lott and the Heirs of Josiah Faxon, so running to the way leading up by Mr Peter Marquands house.

Jonathan Webb,
Samuel Bass } Selectmen
Jonathan Allen,
Thomas Allen,

The above are true Entrys of the Reports made by the Selectmen, and accepted by the Town. Attest Elisha Niles Town Cler.

[180] 1756 May 24th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law, being Legally assembled to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants for the assembling said meeting are as follows viz. To Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly for the year ensuing, And also after a Moderator chosen, To consider what may be done to prevent further charge to the Town by the laying open the way thro' the Towns comon so called and the Lands of Benjamin Savil and act thereon as the Town think proper.

Secondly, To consider of and act upon a way laid thro' Lands claimed by Capt Brackett

Thirdly, To act upon anything Refer^{d} over from the Town meeting in March last, and to hear the Report of any Com^{ttee} or choose any Com^{ttee} that may be necessary, Being assembled as aforesaid

Representative Moderator. The Town made choice of Honble John Quincy Esqr. To Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly for the year ensuing by a majority of votes.

Likewise the aforesaid John Quincy Esqr. was nominated and chosen a Moderator for to Transact the other affairs of the Town sett forth in the Warrants.

Com^{ttee} to confer with the Leasees of the North Comons. Voted that a Com^{ttee} be raised to confer with the Leasees of the North Comons and consider the Proposals made by said Leasees and that the said Com^{ttee} have power to agree with the Leasees, Respecting the opening the ways thro' said Lands and make Report to the Town at their adjournment.

Voted, said Committee consist of five.

Then the following Gent^{n} were Seperately nominated and chosen a Com^{ttee} for that purpose viz.

Mr Josiah Quincy Mr Samuel Niles, Lieut. Richard Thayer Maj^{r} Crosbey & Dea^{n} Thomas Wales.

The second article respecting Capt Bracketts claim was Committed to the aforesaid Com^{ttee} to endeavor an accommodation

Then the Town Voted Mr. Josiah Quincy their thanks for a Remittance of money due to the said Mr Quincy from the Town by Maj^{r} Crosbeys note for interest

The Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town to consider the Mr Belcher affair made their Report to the Town and which is as follows (viz)

Braintree May 24th. 1756.

Mesr^{s}. Belchers affair reported. The Committee appointed by the Town to consider said Report accepted by the Town, Then voted Mr. James Penniman be added to the former Com^{ttee} in the stead of Dea^{n} Adams, and that said Com^{ttee} prosecute all Trespasses and Repair the Towns part of fence pursuant to s^{d} Report, which Report may be had at the Clerks, but thot unnecessary to Record.

Adjourned Then the Mod^{r}. with the consent of the meeting adjourned to the thirty first Day of May Instant at one of the clock afternoon to this place.

1756 May 31st.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being legally assembled by adjournment from the 24th. of May Currant.

Com^{ttee} on the North Comons Report. The Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town on the said 24th. of May to confer with the Leasees of the North Commons &c offer^{d} their Report to the Town which is as follows.

[181] 1756 May 31st.

Com^{ttee} on the North Comons Report. The Committee appointed by the Town, to consider the proposal of & to agree with the Leasees of the North commons so called having attended that service beg leave to report viz.

1st. That your Committee upon examination find it necessary in order to fence in the Towns part of the way on both sides leading from the nine mile stake to Benjamin Savils land the way leading

from Eben^{r} Bass to Peter Markquands and the other way leading towards aldridges Farm, there should be at least 920 Rods of Fence or Wall exclusive of the fence s^{d} Leasees are obliged by their Leases to make.

2dly That your Committee have proposed to the Leasees aforesaid to make a good & sufficient wall fence on each side the way above mentioned on condition the Rents which by their present Lease they are obliged to pay to the Town are Remitted to them by the Town and on condition the Town will further grant to them a New Lease of the premises for three years to commence at the expiration of the present Lease. The stones that may be taken off s^{d} Commons during s^{d}. three years, to be under the future Regulation of the Town.

3 Your Com^{ttee} w^{d} report in fav^{r} of s^{d} Leasees that the Duty upon the Stones for the time past be remitted to the Leasees.

Braintree May 31st. 1756

Jos^{a} Quincy
Joseph Crosbey
Richard Thayer } Com^{ttee}
Thomas Wales
Saml Niles Junr.

Com^{ttee} Report accepted. After reading the above Report before the Town and large Debate being had thereon the Question was put by the Mod^{r} whether the Town would accept said Report provided the Leasees make a wall fence Round Benja. Savils land as the way was laid out untill it comes to the way leading thro said Savels field, voted and pass^{d} in the affirmative.

Com^{ttees} to grant New Leases of the North Commons. Voted, a Com^{ttee} be raised to perfect the agreement with the said Leasees and make new Leases of said Lands, pursuant to the Com^{ttees} Report.

Then the following Gent^{n} were seperately nominated & Chosen a Committee to perfect that affair viz. Mr Josiah Quincy, Capt. Thomas Allen, & Capt Thomas Wales.

1756 June 21st.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to Transact Town affairs, being Legally assembled to Transact such affairs of s^{d} Town, the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows viz. After a Moderator chosen.

First, To consider off and resolve upon some effectual method to settle the Difficulty lately risen between the town Leasees of the South Comons in Braintree, by reason of the way lately laid out by the Town thro said Land

Secondly, To settle a Difficulty between said Town and M^{r}. Isaac Newcomb and the Leasees aforesaid.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will come into any method by agreeing with the Leasees of the Towns Commons so that any of the Inhabitants of said Town may have Liberty to get stones for their use.

[182] Fourthly, To see if the Town will build a House or Provide some convenient place to keep the Town Stock of Powder &c

Assembled as aforesaid, chose Lieut John Hunt Moderator.

Leasees of the South Comon allowance. After considerable debate on the first article in the Warrant the Question being put by the Mod^{r} whether the Town would Remit to the Leasees of the South Comons the Rents for the two first years for the Damage said Leasees have sustained, and to make said Leasees a Reasonable allowance for the extraordinary wall they are to make by reason of the way that is laid out thro said Lands and the Leasees to leave said wall at the expiration of said Lease for the use of the Town Voted & pass^{d} in the affirmative. Voted said Leasees have liberty to keep up Gates six months on the Premises

Voted, to Exchange Leases with Mr Isaac Newcomb.

1756, Augst. 23^{d}

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to Transact Town affairs being Legally assembled to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, viz.

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To bring in their valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To Raise Money to Defrey the necessary charges of the Town the ensuing year.

Thirdly, To consider off and act upon moving the Grammar School if the Town think proper

Fourthly, To hear a Request of some of the Inhabitants of said Town Respecting altering the way round Benja. Savels field and act thereon as the Town think proper.

Fifthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{ttees} or choose any Com^{ttees} That may be necessary

Being assembled as aforesaid choose Joseph Crosbey Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then the Moderator called for the Valuations as afores^{d}.

After Debate &c Voted, the meeting be adjourned to this Day fortnight, one of the clock A.M. to this place.

1756 Septr 6th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being legally assembled by adjournment from the 23^{d} of August last.

£150 — Voted, that One hundred & fifty Pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls and Rateable Estates within said Town to Defrey the necessary charges of said Town the currant year

Voted, the affair Respecting altering the way, be suspended to th^{e} next Town Meeting.

Then the Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town the Twenty Second of March last to settle acc^{ts} with Elisha Niles Town Treas^{r}. made their Report to the Town which said Report with the List of outstanding Debts as they stand Inserted in the Treasurers Book Follio 11 pages 78–79–80, was accepted

[183] March 7, 1757

The Anniversary Town Meeting, for the choice of Town Officers &c Anno Domini 1757.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifiy^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting house in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants for calling said meeting are as follows viz. After a Moderator Chosen.

First To Choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the law directs also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To see if the Town will remove the Grammar School so that the North Precinct may have the benefit of a moving School

Thirdly, To see if the Town will mend the ways in said Town by a Rate or in any other method the Town shall think proper.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will order an open way to be laid thro to Germantown so called.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will give up the Leases of the Towns Land to such Persons as desire it, and also sell the wood on the Towns Land.

Sixthly, To see if the Town will alter the way laid round Mr Benja. Savels field and carry said way thro' said savels field.

Seventhly, To know the Town's mind Respecting a peice of Land enclosed by Mr John Mills near the old meeting house which its apprehended belongs to the Town, and act thereon

Eighthly, To see if the Town will release Seth Copeland Sec^{d}. a fine due to the Town.

Ninthly, To consider a Request of Mr Thomas Faxon late Constable, Respecting some Rates committed to him which he cant collect and act thereon.

Tenthly, To consider an acco^{t} of Lieut Nathaniel Belcher or any other that may be laid before the Town and act thereon.

Eleventhly, To hear the Report of any Com^{ttee} or Com^{ttees} or choose any Committees that may be necessary, also to hear & Determine upon a List of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

Moderator. Being assembled as aforesaid choose Coll Josiah Quincy Mod^{r}.

Town Clerk. Then the Mod^{r} called for votes for a Town Clerk which being brot in & examined it appeared that Elisha Niles was Chosen.

Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Then the Question was put by the Moderator whether the Town would have five Selectmen for the ensuing year pass^{d} in the affirmative

Dissents entered The votes being called for brot in & examined it appeared that Coll. Josiah Quincy, Mr. Jonathan Allen, Mr Benjamin Porter were chosen by a majority of votes, Capt Richard Brackett & Capt Eben^{r} Thayer Junr. were chosen according to the usual custom of said Town as having more votes than

any others, and were Declared Selectmen, by the Mod^{r} according to the custom of said Town, upon which and much Dispute, Respecting the Legallity of the aforesaid choice Messrs. William Penniman, Samuel Bass, Peter Adams, Jonathan Rawson, Ebenezer Adams, John Adams, John Hunt, Sam^{ll} Bass Junr. Josiah Capen & John Clark Entered their Dissent against the proceedings of the s^{d} meeting.

[184] After much Debate Respecting the Legallity of Capt Brackett & Capt Thayers choice as Selectmen the Question was put by the Mod^{r}. whether Town would then confirm said choice voted, and passed in the affirmative

Adjourned — Then voted the meeting be adjourned to Wednesday the Sixteenth Day of March Instant nine o'clock forenoon at this place

1757 March 16th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the seventh of March Currant.

The votes being called for Constables, being brot in & examined it appeared that Samuel Marsh, Samuel Thayer & Seth Porter were chosen.

Voted To have Nine Surveyors of Highways in said Town & three in each Precinct. Then the following persons were seperately Nominated & chosen to the Respective offices as follows viz.

Wilson Marsh, Sam^{ll} Bass Junr. Nathan Spear, Caleb Hobart, Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr William Penneman, Dea. Sam^{ll}. Bass, Amos Studson, Aaron Hayward, Surveyors of Highways. Peter Adams, Thomas Thayer, Mathew Pratt, Tythingmen Nathaniel Belcher, Maj^{r} Eben^{r} Miller, John Thayer Junr Caleb Hobart Junr. Jonathan Bass, & Jonathan Porter Fence-Viewers. Napthali Thayer, Benjamin Silvester & Zachariah Markquand fire Wardens.

William Field Junr. John Field Coll Hunt & Joseph White Surveyors of Lumber.

Joseph Field & Abijah Allen Sealers of Leather.

Thomas Crosby & Samuel Hunt Cullers of Staves.

Jacob Hedrick, Robert Peacock, Isaac Tirrell, Elisha French, Sam^{ll} Nash, Daniel Spear, Deering Spear, Junr. John Bagley Hog Reaves.

Voted, Mr. Sam^{ll}. Marsh be excused serving Constable this year Then Mr John Borland was chosen Constable.

Voted, that the Grammer School be kept the one half the time in the North Precinct the other half in the Middle Precinct the ensuing year.

Voted, that an Equal sum as shall be necessary for the maintaining a Grammer School be Employed under the Direction of the Selectmen for writting & Reading Schools in the several parts of the North & Middle Precincts.

Voted, that the South Precinct draw their Proportion of School money as usual

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to monday the twenty eighth Day of March Instant nine of the Clock to this place.

1757 March 28th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the sixteenth of March currant.

The Article of Mending the ways by a Rate, Negatived.

Then the votes were call^d for a Constable for the North Precinct which being brot in & examined it appeared Mr. Benjamin Bass was chosen.

Mr Abijah Allen Surveyor of Highways.

[185] Voted, that the Town take into their consideration by a Com^ttee the complaint of Messrs Belcher's and make Report at the meeting in May next, Then Messrs James Penniman, Sam^ll Niles Esqr. & Joseph Crosbey Esq. were chosen a Com^ttee for that affair.

Voted That the affair of selling the Town's wood be postpon^d to May Meeting and the Committee appointed to prosecute Tresspassers on the Town Lands be desired & directed forthwith to prosecute such persons as have Trespassed on the Town Land

Voted, Seth Copeland Sec^d. be Remitted the fine due to the Town —

Voted, that Capt Richard Faxon, Mr. Peter Markquand & Mr Eben^r. Adams, be a Committee to take the affair Respecting altering the way round Benjamin Savels field into their consideration and endeavour an accommodation between the Town the said Benja Savel & the Leasees of the North Comons, and report to the Town, at the Meeting in May next.

Voted, Mr Thomas Faxon Late Constable be Remitted, Thirteen Pounds, one shilling & three pence, Lawfull money on acct of Rates committed to him, which he cant collect.

Voted, the said Faxon be Remitted Three Pounds seven-shillings & five pence three farthings on acct of Maj Belchers rates.

Also Joseph Parmenters Ruth Stedman Joshua Spriggs, Josiah Rawson, Jona. Rawson, Dec^d. their Rates be Remitted to the said Faxon, also five shillings & five pence part of Joseph Owens rates.

Voted, Dea^n. John Adams be a Surveyor of Hemp & Flax, and M^r. John French Informer of Deer.

Voted, that no persons whose names are not in the list for Voters shall be put into the Jury Box.

Voted, That a Committee of three be chosen to examine the Selectmens accts for the year past.

Voted, that James Penniman, Capt Thos. Allen & Sam^ll Niles Esqr. be the Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

Voted, that this meeting be adjourned to the Day the Meeting shall be appointed for the annual meeting in May next.

1757 May 16th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree

Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs being mett by adjournment from the twenty eighth of March, last &c.

Voted, Maj^{r} Crosby, & Mr Samuel Bass, be added to the Committee appointed to endeavor an accommodation between the Town, Benj^{a} Savel & the Leasees of the North Comons Respecting the way &c. and Report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted, the meeting be adjourned to monday the Thirtieth Day of May Inst. two o'clock P.M. at this place.

[186] Anno Domi. 1757.
1757 May 16th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}, by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative being met Pursuant to a Precept & Not agreing so as to make a choice voted said Meeting be adjourned to Monday the Twenty third day of May Instant at one of the clock afternoon, at this place.

1757 May 23^{d}.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative being Legally assembled by adjournment from the sixteenth Instant & Made choice of Coll. Josiah Quincy for their Representative

Then Voted that the Representative of this Town for the Present year is hereby desired & Instructed to use his best endeavours to prevail with the Gen^{ll} Court to Project & pursue some better & less oppressive Method of raising soldiers for his Majestys service than that of Fine & Impress which has hitherto been in practice in this Government.

1757 May 30th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being, Legally assembled by adjournment from the sixteenth Instant.

The following Question was put by the Moderator (viz) whereas, Mr Benja. Savil hath this day agreed forthwith to make & maintain seventy eight Rods & half of stone wall on one side of the way leading thro' his field as he shall chuse, and whereas the Leasses of the North Com^{ns} so called have agreed to make Sixty seven Rods of wall of equal goodness, on the other side of said way on condition said wall being so made & finish^{d} as aforesaid whether that Fifty two Rods & half of wall of equal goodness, be made, at the expense of the Town in lieu of his half fence against the Comon on the s^{o} side of his field which the said Savil is to maintain & any demands therefor he agrees to remit to the Town each of the parties to have the Benefit of the stones in ye Comm^{n}. & in s^{d} Savels field as they may have occasion for them without Prejudice to each other Voted & pass^{d} in the affirmative

Voted, the way laid Round said Savels field be Discontinued.

Voted Mr Markquand, Mr Caleb Hobart & M^{r}. Eben^{r} Adams be a Com^{ttee} to perfect the Towns part of wall.

Voted, M^{r}. Nathaniel Belcher be allowed three Pounds Lawfull money on acct. of building a bridge.

The Committee appointed to consider the Messrs Belchers affair Reported to the Town as follows (viz) We the subscribers being appointed by the Town (a Com^{ttee}.) to take into our consideration the complaint of Messrs Moses & Nath^{ll} Belcher upon the Lower Town Land have viewed the same and are of opinion that there be an allowance made to s^{d} Belcher upon the improvement of s^{d} Land for the year past and two years to come for Damages they have & probably may sustain upon the premises the sum of Twelve Pounds Lawfull money, we find also that there is lost 75 Rails & 9 five hold Posts & 8 three hold posts 17 posts in all on the town part of fence which we humbly Leave to the wisdom of the town to Determine whether the Town or the Leasees shall suffer the loss.

Joseph Crosbey
James Penniman } Com^{ttee}
Sam^{ll} Niles Junr

The above voted accepted and twelve pounds allowed to the said Belchers, pursuant to said Report

[187] The Committee appointed to settle the line in controversy — with Josiah Faxon offer^{d} their Report to the Town (as follows)

Com^{ttee} for settling the line with Josh Faxon, Report. At a Town Meeting March 26th. 1756, We the subscribers being chosen & Impowered to settle the line in controversy between Mr Faxon and the Towns Commons (so called) Did use our endeavour to settle said line among ourselves, but could not agree thereon, and finally we mutually agreed to submit the final settlement of said Line to Coll. Benjamin Lincoln, Coll. Joseph Gooch, & Mr Ezra Whitmarsh who came upon the Land in dispute & Determined that said line should forever hereafter be according to the agreement herewith presented to this meeting, and we would Propose to the Town That this agreement be put upon the Town Record

James Penniman, } Com^{ttee}
March 7th. 1757. Sam^{ll} Niles Junr

Voted, the above said report be accepted and the agreement therein Refer^{d} to, be Recorded, which is as follows —

(viz) Memorandum this twelfth Day of March A.D. 1756.

Agreement with Josiah Faxon —Whereas a controversy has arisen between the Proprietors of the Common Land in the Town of Braintree & Mr Josiah Faxon of said Town who Claims a part of the Farm called Houghs Farm with Respect to the Bounds of their Respective Property have now the said Town by their agents Messrs Samuel Niles & James Penniman and the said Faxon for himself together with the assistance of Benj^{a} Lincoln Joseph Gooch Esqr. & Mr Ezra Whitmarsh mutually agreed that the bounds between forever hereafter be as followeth, beginning at a stake & Heap of Stones upon the side of a Large Ledge of Rocks, and from thence to run south East^{d} fifty Degrees to the River, then beginning at the stake, & heap of stones afores^{d}, and to Run south west Sixty one Degrees about Fifty Rods to a heap of stones upon the Rocks near the said Faxons old House, from thence North west Eighty six Degrees, one hundred & sixty six Rods and from thence

with what has been heretofore the Reputed Bounds Round Moses Pains Land to a Birch Tree, anciently mark^{d}. from thence about south West Twenty eight Degrees to Aldredges Farm (so called) In witness whereof the Parties above have Interchangeably sett their hands the Day & year aboves^{d}

Signed in presence of us, Josiah Faxon.
Benja Lincoln,
Ezra Whitmarsh.
The above are true copy^{s} from the original
Attest, Elisha Niles Town Cler.

1757 Augst. 15th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being mett att the Meeting House in the middle Precinct of said Town to Transact affairs the particulars whereof as they were Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz) After a Moderator chosen. First To bring into the assessors a true & perfect list of their Polls Rateable Estate and Income by Trade & Faculty & gain by money at interest upon oath if required

Secondly, To Raise money to Defrey the charge of said Town the Current year.

[188] Thirdly, To consider what further powers may be necessary or proper to be given to the com^{ttee} appointed by the Town to prosecute Trespassers on the Towns Land and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Fourthly, To consider and determine whether the Town will allow anything further to the Leasees of the South Commons on acct. of the ways, that have been laid thro' the same.

Fifthly, To hear the report of any Com^{ttees} or Committees or choose any Committees that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid chose Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then the act relating to the Valuations was read and the Valuations call^{d} for by the Mod^{r}.

Money raised £150 Voted One hundred & Fifty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town for Defreying the charge of said town the currant year

Com^{ttee} To prosecute Trespassers, power enlarged. Voted, That the Com^{ttee} appointed some time since by this Town to enquire after & prosecute those Persons who have committed Trespasses on the Town Land be and hereby are further impowered & directed at the expense of the Town to prosecute in the law those Persons who have been or may be offenders as aforesaid unless they make satisfaction to s^{d} Com^{ttee} in behalf of the Town as to them shall appear reasonable.

Com^{ttee} Report. Committee Report &

We the Subscribers have taken an account of the stuff & labor Dea. Belcher & Nath^{ll} Belcher have done to repair the fence between the Town Land & Germantown (so called) and find the whole expense to make the same on the Towns part a good and

Lawfull fence, six pounds, Thirteen shillings & four pence which sum we think Reasonable to be allowed to s^d Belcher.

Ebenezer Thayer } Com^ttee
August 15th. 1757. James Penniman, }

The above Report being read before the Town was Voted accepted, and the aforesaid sum of six pounds, Thirteen Shillings & 4^d allowed to the said Messrs Belchers.

[189] 1757, November 14th.

The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d by Law to vote in Town affairs being Mett at the Meeting house in the Middle Precinct of said Town on legall warning to Transact such affairs of said Town as were Inserted in the Warrants which were as follows (viz) After a Mod^r. chosen.

1st. To see if the Town will order the wood on the Towns land to be sold, and act thereon, as the Town shall think proper.

2dly To Hear the Report of any Com^ttee or Com^ttees or choose any Com^ttees that may be necessary, and to hear and act on any other matter Relating to the Town's Interest that may be laid before the Town.

Assembled as aforesaid chose Josiah Quincy Esqr Mod^r.

M^r. Joseph Tirrell appeared & declared before said meeting that he would make no objection to the Towns cutting and carrying the wood off the Towns Land, Provided it be done before the first of March next, and putting up the fence they shall pull down.

Towns wood sold Voted, That the wood on the Town's Land lying between Coll Jno. Quincy's Farm & Germantown, also the Towns Wood on Rock Island be sold under the direction of a Committee to be hereafter chosen by the Town.

Voted, That the aforesaid wood be divided in two or more Divisions under the direction of a Com^ttee Time & Place of being sold with the conditions of sale to be posted up in Braintree.

Voted, said Com^ttee consist of three. Then Sam^ll. Niles Esqr. Mr. Ebenezer Newcomb & Dea. John Adams were seperately nominated & voted a Committee for that affair.

Voted, The time of sale to be next Monday 2 o'clock P.M. at Mr Luke Lamberts House in Germantown.

1758 March 6th. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers Anno Dom. 1758.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz)

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also to bring in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To consider & Determine upon a Request of Dea. John Adams Respecting altering the way thro' his Land in co-
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Thirdly, To consider and Determine Respecting the Schools & School money to be expended in the Town the ensuing year.

Fourthly, To consider of and direct the Leasees of the South part of the North Comons Respecting a piece of Land enclosed by William Harman, being part of the Towns Commons and to see if the Town will sell that part of the Towns Comons called the Gore above where the Leasees are to fence as by their last Lease.

[190] Fifthly, To consider & Determine upon a Request of the Leasees of the South Comons Respecting damages they have received by reason of the ways being laid thro' Common.

Sixthly, To see if the Town will make half fence between the Towns Land and a piece of Meadow of Mr. Moses Bracketts.

Seventhly, To hear the Report of any comttee or choose any Committees that may be necessary, and to act on any other matter or thing Respecting the affairs of said Town that may be laid before the Town.

Clerk & Moderator. Assembled as above said choose Samll. Niles Esq. Modr.

Then Elisha Niles was nominated and chosen Clerk.

Voted, That there should be five Selectmen chosen as usual.

Selectmen. The Selectmen chosen by a Majority of Votes. Dean John Adams, Mr. Jonathan Rawson, Dean Jonathan Allen Samuel Niles Esqr. Mr Benja Porter.

County Treasurer. Then the Moderator called for votes for a County Treasurer which were brot in and committed to Benja Bass, Constable

Adjourned Voted That the Meeting be adjourned to Fryday the Tenth Instant nine o'clock A.M. at this place.

1758 March 10th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the sixth of March Currant.

Constables. Votes, being calld for Constables brot in and examined it appeared the following Persons were chosen, viz. William Spear, Nathaniel Wales, Jonathan Porter.

Treasurer Elisha Niles Nominated and Chosen Treasurer.

Then the following Persons were Chosen to the Respecting offices as here after Inserted by nomination viz.

Surveyors of Highways. Benja Baxter, Elijah Belcher, Daniel Baxter, Jedidiah Bass, James Clark, Jonathan Thayer, Micah Thayer, Thomas White, Micah Wild, Uriah Thayer, Ensn Thos Thayer, Josiah Thayer, Nehemh French, Joshua French, Moses Spear, Willm Linsfield Jr.

Tything men. Dean. Jonathan Webb, Dean. James Penniman, Dean. Samll. Bass.

Fence Viewers. Joseph Nightingale, Nathaniel Belcher Jr. Hobart Clark, James Thayer, Eliphalet Sawen, Jonathan Clark.

Fire Wardens. Naphtali Thayer, Benja Silvester, Zachariah Marquand.

Surveyors of Lumber. Eben^{r}. Field, John Field, Benj^{a} Thayer, John Clark, Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves. Sam^{ll} Hunt, C^{t} Sam^{ll} Clark.

[191] Hogreaves. Thompson Baxter, Jonathan Cleverly, Benoni Spear, Matthias Cheesman, Pallitiah Penniman, Benj^{a} Allen, Jonathan Wales, Noah Thayer, Thomas Fenton Jr. Daniel Bass.

Way thro' Dea. Adams. land Com^{ttee} Voted, A Com^{ttee} be raised to view the way thro' Dea^{n} John Adams Land & Report to the Town at the adjournment. Then Caleb Hobart, M^{r}. William Penniman, & Lieut Sam^{ll}. Wild were chosen a Com^{ttee} for that purpose.

Schools. Voted, The Grammer School be kept the one half the year in the North Precinct, the other half in the Middle Precinct the ensuing year, and that an equal sum as shall be necessary to maintain a Grammer School in each Precinct shall be expended in writting and reading schools, under the direction of the Selectmen, and that the South Precinct draw their proportion of School money as usual.

Voted, That the Leasees of the N° Comons endeavour an accommodation with Wm Harman, and if said Refuses to agree to Prosecute him and Recover possession by Law.

Gore of Land to be sold. Voted, That the Gore of Land above where the Leases were obliged to fence by their last lease belonging to the Town be sold to such Persons as may appear to Purchase said land.

Committee. Voted, Messrs. James Penniman, Nathaniel Wales & Elisha Niles be a Committee to make sale of said land and that they have full Power to Execute Deeds of the same in the name of the Town.

Leasees of S° Comons Remitted. Voted, The Leasees, of the South Commons be Remitted Two years Rent, from this time they Compleating on said consideration the whole of the Towns part of wall fence on s^{d} comons and deliver the same at the expiration of their Lease for the use of the Town M^{r}. William Penniman & Mr Thos. Faxon appeared & declared their acceptance of said vote.

Jno Porter cons^{le}. Excused. Voted, Mr. Jonathan Porter be excused serving Constable this year.

Voted, Mr. John Hayward Surveyor of Highways

Constable chose, & Excused. Voted, Mr. Jonathan Bass, Constable.

Voted, Jon^{a}. Bass, excused this year.

Voted, Luke Lambert sealer of Wood.

Voted, Josiah Thayer excused as Surveyor of Highways & chose Deering Spear Junr

Constable. Voted, Daniel White Constable.

Adjournment. Voted, The meeting adjourned to the Day that the meeting in May next shall be, at nine oclock A.M.

[192] 1758 May 22d.

Adjournment, The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the tenth of March last.

Wm. Spear excused Voted Mr. William Spear be excused serving Constable.

Voted, Mr. Jonathan Bass be accepted in the stead of Mr. Daniel White as Constable sd White giving bond to the Town &c.

Samll Marsh Conslc. Then Mr. Samuel Marsh was chosen Constable for the North Precinct

Vote Mr Guilford Field & Mr. Jonathan Thayer Surveyors of Lumber.

The Committee appointed to take into their consideration Dean. Adams' affair Respecting the way made an oral Report to the Town on the same

Comttee to Settle with Treasurer. Josiah Quincy Esqr. Mr William Penniman & Joseph Crosbey Esqr. were chosen a Committee to settle acctS. with Elisha Niles Town Treasurer and lay the same before the Town.

1758 May 22d.

Representative The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifyd by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative, being assembled pursuant to a Precept Directed to the Selectmen of said Town under the hand of the Sheriff of the County made choice of Samll. Niles Esqr. for their Representative by a Majority of votes then present.

1758 Augst. 15th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town To Transact such affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrant are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To bring in their Valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To raise money to defrey the charges of the Town the current year.

Thirdly, To choose a Constable for the North Precinct if needfull.

Fourthly, To consider of building some stone-bridges within said town and Determine thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Fifthly, To hear & Determine on a Request Ebenezr Spear a late Constable.

Sixthly, To choose any Committees, or hear the Report of any Committees particularly Respecting the Treasury, and to make such allowance to the Town Treasurer for his services as shall be thought reasonable.

Assembled as aforesaid chose Samll Niles Esqr. Modr.

Valuations were called for by the Modr.

Voted, after the Reading an acct. of the outstanding Debts due to the Town that Jno. Hayden & Jno Sanders notes respecting the

cutting wood on the Towns Commons Remain in the Treasury until the meeting in May next, for them to apply to the Town for Relief.

Money raised £110. Voted, One hundred Pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said to Defrey the charge of the Town the current year.

Voted, Samuel Marsh, be excused serving Constable, paying four Pounds L.M.

The Votes being called for m^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Hayward was chosen Constable.

Voted, Dea^{n}. Savels Bridge so called be Repaired with stone under the direction of a Committee. Then Messrs. Ebenezer Adams Sam^{ll}. Savel Junr. & Sam^{ll}. Hayward were chosen a Committee for that affair.

[193] Voted, there be a Bridge built with stone over Cramberry brook under the direction of a Com^{ttee}. Then, Caleb Thayer Jos^{h}. Ludden Sec^{d}. & Elisha Niles were appointed a committee to order said Bridge & Lett it out to the lowest bidder.

The Committee appointed to settle the Treasury made their Report to the Town, which Report as it stands Inserted on the Treasurers book was Voted accepted, vide Treasurers Book Vol 11 Page 85 & 86.

Voted, Maj^{r}. Crosbey Dea^{n}. Penniman & Elisha Niles be a Committee to Petition the Great & General Court for Relief on the additional tax laid on this Town.

Voted the meeting be adjourned to monday 28th. Instant 4 Clock P.M.

1758 August 28th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from the 15th. Instant &c Voted m^{r}. Sam^{ll} Hayward be excused serving Constable for this year.

The votes being called for for a Constable M^{r}. John Beal was chosen.

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to monday the eleventh of Sepr next 4 clock, P.M.

1758 Septr 11th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 28th. of August last.

Voted, m^{r}. John Beal be excused serving Constable he paying into the Town four pounds lawfull money

The votes being called for a Constable M^{r}. Norton Quincy was chosen

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to monday 18th. Instant 4 Clock P.M.

1758 Septr 18th.

The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from the eleventh Instant Coll

John Quincy appeared and Desired his son might be excused from serving Constable, and after reasons offer^{d} voted & passed in the Negative.

Voted, the Town Treasurer be directed to call on said Norton Quincy for his fine

Consta^{le}. Then Mr Samuel Bass Junr. was chosen Constable for the North Precinct.

The Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town to settle the Line of the Towns Land offer^{d}. their Report to the Town as follows (viz)

Com^{ttee} Report of the Line on the west of the Towns Land near Germantown. We the subscribers some time since being appointed to settle the Line upon the westerly side of the Town Land near Germantown (so called) Did attend that service with the assistance of Mr. Jon. Thayer Surveyor and the most of the owners of the land upon the west of said Line being present upon lawfull notice.

We began at a Cedar stake at the corner of Dea^{n}. Hobart's meadow (that was) and over Rock Island by Land of Coll John Quincy^{s} to salt meadow of Sam^{ll} White Esqr. of Taunton then across a Creek to meadow of the Heirs of Dea^{n} Sam^{ll}. White and then to upland of s^{d} John Quincy and then to salt meadow belonging to Benjamin Nash of Weymouth and so to the flats of the Creek that comes up to Capt Bracketts Landing the Line from the stake first mentioned to Coll^{o} Quincy's upland Last mentioned and the stake through the Salt meadow was Right but the fence from said meadow southerly to the creek Running to Capt Bracketts Landing was about two thirds of a Rod upon the Towns land which we corrected by setting up stakes where said line is & Should be & s^{d} Coll^{o} John Quincey hath since Removed his fence almost into s^{d} line, the course of said Line is South 52 Degrees & half west

August 15th. 1758. Ebenezer Thayer } Com^{ttee}
James Penniman, }

The above Report was Voted accepted and ordered to be recorded

Anno Domini 1759. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers March 5th. 1759.

[194] 1759 March 5th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town Affairs being Legally assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as they stand inserted in the Warrants are as Follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To Choose Constables, and all other such Town Officers for the ensuing year, as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To see if the Town will Remove and Repair the Town's School Houses and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will order a piece of Land Lying between a Range of Mountains and the Land of Messrs. Sam^{ll}

Bass, Elijah Vesey, Benja. Baxter & Jon^{a} Webb, to be sold provided the Leasees of said Land consent it being a part of the Towns Commons or allow the Leasees of said land to make such fence on and between said mountains, as may be necessary to secure their other Improvements at the charge of the Town.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will allow Ens^{n}. Thos. Thayer an equivalent in Land for that which is taken off by the Town way thro' the Land he purchased of Mr. Moses Pain.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will allow swine to go at Large.

Sixthly, To see if the Town will accept that way thro' Dea^{n} John Adams' Land in the South Precinct as he hath before Requested.

Seventhly, To hear the Request of any late Constables Respecting Rates, they have not been able to collect and act thereon.

Eighthly, To hear and Receive any Reports or Returns of the Selectmen or Com^{ttee} and act thereon and choose any Committees that may be necessary

Moderator. Being assembled as aforesaid chose Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Adjourned to the School House. Voted, the meeting be adjourned to the School House and accordingly adjourned.

Constables. The votes being call^{d}. for Constables, Mr. Norton Quincy Mr Ephraim Jones M^{r}. Joseph Porter were chosen.

Clerk. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen clerk.

Selectmen. Then The following Gent^{n}. were Chosen Selectmen by a Majority of voters then present, (viz) Capt Richard Brackett Lieut Nathan^{ll} Belcher, Samuel Niles, Esqr. Capt Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Mr Benja Porter.

Treasurer. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Treasurer.

Surveyors. Then the following persons were chosen to the Respective offices as hereafter Inserted by nomination (viz)

Surveyors of Highways Jedidiah Bass, Luke Lambert Benja Fesenden, William Vesey Secun^{d} Willm Adams, Boylston Adams Willm. Penniman Junr. Lem^{el} Thayer Zachariah Thayer, Silas Wild, Thomas Newcomb, John Hayward Dea^{n} Sam^{ll}. Bass, Richard Spear, Isaac Spear Aaron Hayward, Noah Whitcomb.

[195] Tythingmen. Dea^{n} John Adams, Dea^{n} Jonathan Allen Joseph Wales, Jr.

Fence Viewers. Peter Adams Seth Copeland, Nath^{ll}. Belcher, Nathan Spear, Nath^{ll}. Wales, Naphtali Thayer.

Surveyors of Lumber. Willm Field Junr. Sam^{ll} Clark, Benja Thayer, Seth Porter, Jno. Thayer.

Fire Wardens. Naphtali Thayer, Benja. Selvester, Zachariah Marquand

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Culler of Staves, Benjamin Thayer, Capt Sam^{ll}. Clark.

Hog reaves William Wilson, Samuel Trask, Josiah Hayden Nathan^{ll} French Sec^{d}. Moses Jones, Hezekiah Ludden Simeon Thayer, Deering Spear Junr.

Voted, Swine to run at Large.

Com^{ttee} to Lease out the Schools Lands. Then Dea^{n}. John

Adams, Capt. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Capt. Richard Brackett were seperately Nominated & chosen a Com^{ttee} to Lett & Lease out the School Land for the term of seven years.

Voted, that the Land between Coll^{o} John Quincy's Gate & Wm Savels be Tilled Two years only and that by planting one year & sowing the next and that it be done the Two first years of the Lease.

Constable accepted. Then M^{r}. Moses French Junr. was accepted by the Town a Constable in the stead of Mr. Ephraim Jones he producing bonds for the Towns security.

Adjourned Voted, the Meeting be adjourned to may next the Day the meeting shall be appointed for the choice of a Representative at nine o'Clock forenoon.

1759 May 21st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the fifth of March Last &c &c.

Constables French excused. Voted M^{r}. Moses French Junr. be excused serving Constable this year.

Ebenezer Spear accepted. Voted, M^{r}. Ebenezer Spear be accepted to serve as a Constable in the stead of M^{r}. Joseph Porter s^{d} Porter giving bond to the Town for the said Spears faithfull discharge of said trust.

Constables Chosen. Then M^{r}. Norton Quincy & Mr Ephraim Jones were chosen Constables.

Eb^{r}. Spear late Constable allowed — Voted, Mr Ebenezer Spear late Constable be allowed a draught on the Town Treasurer, for the sum of one Pound, Two shillings & eleven pence, and Mr. Seth Porter for the sum of sixteen Shillings & six pence.

Then Mr Gregory Baxter & M^{r}. Joseph Field were chosen Surveyors of Highways

Then a Report of the Selectmen of a way Laid thro' M^{r}. Josiah Ruggles Land was Read before the Town & Voted accepted & Recorded Page 197.

[196] The Committee to view the way thro' Dea^{n} Adams Land & Thomas' Farm & Report. Then the Report of the Select men of Town way laid thro' Thomas' Farm, so called was laid before the Town and then Voted, That Capt. Benja Beal Mr Samuel Bass & Mr Caleb Hobart be a committee to view said way and the way thoro' Dea^{n}. Adams Land and Report whether it be proper for the Town to accept said Ways.

Voted, the Meeting be adjourned to the second Monday in August next at two of the Clock afternoon.

1759 May 21st.

Representative. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative, being assembled Pursuant to a Precept Directed to the Selectmen of said Town under the Hand of the Sheriff of the County, made choice of Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. for their Represen-

tative for the year ensuing year by a Majority of votes then present.

1759 Augst. 13th.

adjournment. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment the Twenty first of May last

The Vote for a Constable for the North Precinct being call^{d} for by the Mod^{r}. Mr. Jedidiah Bass was chosen, said Bass Refused serving as being under oath in previous office.

Constable chosen & excused. Then M^{r}. William Spear was chosen, & then excused for this year. Then Mr. James Brackett was chosen Constable. Mr. Thomas Vinton chosen Constable & excused for this year. Then M^{r}. Peter Dyer was chosen, Constable.

Com^{ttees} Report on the way thro Dea^{n}. Adams land. The Com^{ttee} appointed to View the way thro' Dea^{n} Adams Land Reported to the Town as follows (viz) The Committee having been upon the spot on Dea^{n}. John Adams Land do find that one part of the old Road on his land will be much to his Damage to Establish the same, and whereas it was his Property and he was not notify^{d} when laid out and hath never been Satisfy^{d}. for the same, doth at this Day offer to the Town a more strate Road on which he hath bestowed much Labour as we see and offers still to bestow more, and it is to be Remembered the Town is at no charge in fencing of s^{d} way so that upon the Whole we think that any Person making it his own case would think it much not to be heard & favorably answered by the Town, so we say it may be well for the Town to give up the old Road so far as to make the Road more strait

Augst. 13th. 1759 Signed by ye Com^{ttee} { Sam^{ll} Bass. Benja. Beal Caleb Hobart

The above Report being read &c was Voted accepted by the Town.

[197] 1759 Augst. 13th.

Com^{ttee} Respecting the way thro Thomas Farm their Report. The Com^{ttee} appointed to view the way thro' Thomas Farm so called made an oral Report to the Town to this purpose (viz) That the way laid thro Thomas Farm so called by the Selectmen (which Return of the Selectmen see Recorded at the close of this meeting) be accepted by the Town, Provided the Town should not be charged for a Bridge over the Brook, called Sedar Bridge.

Bridge to be built exclusive of charge to the Town. Then Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. declared in the meeting in behalf of himself & Neighbours that would be accommodated by said way that he would promise and engage the Town should be at no charge for a Bridge at said Brook but that a good stone Bridge should be built at said place and maintained for twenty years free from any charge to the Town.

Way accepted with conditions. Then Voted the way thro

Thomas Farm be accepted with the conditions offer[d] with the Return which stand with the Return Provided the Town be exempted from charge for the aforesaid Bridge for the Term of Twenty years next, commencing, and said way not to be laid open untill the first of May next.

Com[tee] to let out the Wall. Then Mr. Caleb Hobart, M[r]. John Hayward & Mr Thomas Vinton were chosen a Com[tee] to Lett out the Wall that was to be made by the Town as Stipulated in the agreement with the Proprietors of said land and Refer[d] to above, to such person or persons as would engage to effect it the cheapest between this & the first of May next.

adjourned. The meeting voted adjourned to Monday the Twenty seventh Instant at four o Clock P.M. at this place.

Way thro' Josiah Ruggles Land. The Returns of the Selectmen of ways laid out are as follows, (viz) agreable to a Request of sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree made to us the subscribers, We proceeded to Lay out a Town way and began at the way that Leads from Bridgwater Road to M[r]. Atherton Wales in Stoughton bounded by a heap of stones on each side of said way. Thence on the South side of an old Hedge fence to a stump with stones on it standing on the south side of said way. Thence to a black oak tree Blazed on the North side. Thence to a White Oak tree Blazed as above. Thence to the North-East Corner of said Wales[s] feild on which said Wales' Barn Stands, all which way is one Rod & half wide, and by said Wales offered to the Town for their acceptance.

Braintree Feb. 24th. 1758.

Sam[l] Niles Jun[r]. }
Jon[a] Allen } Selectmen.
Benja. Porter }

[198] Way thro' Thomas' farm. Pursuant to a Request made to us the subscribers by a number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree We Proceeded to Lay out a Town way beginning at Bridgwater Road near the great stone Bridge where the way has been many years used. Thence as the way goes to M[r] John Hollis[s] Gate post, standing in his west line. Thence to an old black oak stump. Thence to a Shelving Rock. thence to a Large Shelving Rock (the said bounds being on the North side of the Road) thence to a small black oak tree mark[d]. thence by several stakes said tree & stakes being on the South side of the Intended Road to a small stake standing in the course of the Line between M[r] John Ruggles Land & M[r]. John Hollis Land. Thence on said Line to said Ruggles Land. Thence half on said Ruggles and half on said Hollis to M[r]. John Thomas Land. thence half on said Thomas & half on said Hollis to the Eastermost Line of said Hollis Land. thence thro said Thomas Land straight with the Last mentioned Line near about 77 Paces. Thence to a pair of draw barrs across an old way leading from Hobart Sedar swamp (so called) to said Thomas[s] House. Thence thro said Thomas Land where the way now is used to M[r] William Salsbury's Land and thro' said Salsbury[s] Land where the way now is used to the Iron work Road (so

called) said Road to be one Rod & half wide thro the whole of said way excepting about five Rods near Mr William Salsbury' Dwelling House at which place it is agreed to be but one Rod wide by reason of some small apple trees belonging to said Salsbury, all which is Humbly submitted by.

Samll Niles Junr.
John Adams
Jona Allen
Benja. Porter } Selectmen.

Braintree Febry 23d. 1758.

The Proprietors Conditions. The above being Read before the Town Saml Niles Esqr declared the conditions on which the Proprietors of the Lands had agreed the way above Described Should pass thro the same (viz) That the Town make sixty Rods of stone wall fence on said way thro the said Hollis Land and that the Town make a stone wall fence on one side said way from the Brook to the westward of said Thomas House to sd Salsbury's Line thro said Thomas' Land and that they make Twenty Rods of stone wall fence on said way thro said Salsbury's Land

The way above Described withe the conditions annext were Voted, accepted as Inserted on the opposite Page.

1759 August 27th.

adjournment The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 13th. Instant.

Voted, Mr Nathll Wales Surveyor of Highways.

Jona Rawson Selectman also chose Mr Jonathan Rawson Selectman in the stead of Capt Brackett Deceasd

Comttee to go on the Line between the Towns Comons & Majr Belchers Land & Report. Voted, Messrs. James Penniman, Ebenezer Adams & Jonathan Rawson be a Committee to go on the Line between the Towns Common & the Lands of Majr Belcher and Report to the Town.

Voted, Joseph Porter surveyor of fences.

Jona Thayer Constable. Then Jonathan Thayer was voted accepted as a Constable in the stead of Peter Dyer said Dyer giving Bonds to the Town as usual.

[199] 1759 Augst. 13th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of The Town of Braintree being assembled at the new meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town on Legall warning to Transact the affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) After a Moder chosen.

First, To give in their Valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To Raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year

Thirdly, To see if the Town will allow the South Precinct to draw their proportion of School money as usual.

Fourthly, To hear the Report of any Comtee or choose any Comttees that may be necessary

Moderator. Being assembled as aforesaid chose Dea^{n} James Penniman Mod^{r}.

adjourned Then the Moderator with the consent of the meeting, adjourned said Meeting to monday the 27th. Instant three of the clock afternoon at this place.

1759 Augst. 27th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 13th. Instant.

Money assessed £100 — Voted, one hundred Pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town to Defrey the charge of the Town the Currant year

South Precinct to draw their proportion of the School money. Voted, the South Precinct draw their proportion of School money as usual.

1760 March 3^{d}.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town officers March 3^{d}. 1760.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law for voting in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town on Legall warning to Transact the affairs of s^{d} Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r} chosen

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To consider & Determine upon Petitioning the Gen^{a} Court for the Division of the County of Suffolk.

Thirdly, To consider & Determine upon Removing the School House in the North Precinct & better Regulating the Schools in said Precinct.

Fourthly, To consider and Determine upon building a House for the Town to meet in to manage business of a secular concern in.

Fifthly, To Choose a Committee to settle with Elisha Niles Town Treasurer, as to the State of the Treasury, and also to consider what allowance he ought to have for his said service.

Sixthly, To make answer to a Petition of the Town of Dorchester now in the Gen^{ll}. Court Praying the Bridge over Neponset River (so called) should be a County Bridge.

Seventhly, To appoint some meet Person to Inspect & shift the Towns stock of Powder and do what the Town shall think proper concerning the House where it is now reposited

[200] Eighthly, To choose a Committee to take care of the wood on the Land called the Town's Commons, or direct the Committee appointed for that purpose in that affair and also to consider whether it will be advantageous for the Town with the consent of the Leasees to lease out all the wood on said Lands.

Ninthly, To Determine whether the Town will mend the Towns ways as a Town within their own Limits by a tax.

Tenthly To Determine whether the Town will grant a Premium on the heads of Birds & Squirrells.

Eleventhly, To Choose any Committees that may be necessary or hear the Report of any Committees.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid choose Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Clerk

Selectmen — Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen to serve the Town as Selectmen the ensuing year (viz) Mr. Ebenezer Adams Mr Jonathan Rawson, Capt. Thomas Allen, Capt Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Mr. Benj^{a} Porter.

Constables, chosen William Spear, Thomas Vinton, & William Linsfield Junr.

Votes for a County Treasurer were brot in & Sealed &c

Elisha Niles nominated & chosen Treasurer.

Town Officers. Then the following Persons were chosen to the Respective offices as hereafter Inserted by nomination, (viz)

Surveyors of Highways Benjamin Bass Gregory Baxter, Ebenez^{r}. Miller Esq. Samuel Bass Junr. Sam^{ll}. Holbrook Nath^{ll}. Wales, Nath^{ll} Vinton, Benja Hayden Nath^{ll}. Thayer, Clement Hayden, Benjamin French, John Clark, John Hollis, Jerimiah Thayer, David Linsfield Seth Man Jonathan Bass.

Tythingmen. Peter Adams, Balch Cowing, & Joseph Hayward.

Fence Viewers. Edmund Billings, John Thayer Junr. Lt Joseph White, Elijah Belcher, Gideon French, Joseph Porter.

Fire Wardens. Zachariah Marquand, Ephraim Thayer, Benj^{a}. Silvester.

Surveyors of Lumber. William Field Junr. John Clark, Capt. Thomas Hollis, Seth Turner, Lt. Sam^{ll} White.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves, Capt. Sam^{ll}. Clark, Sam^{ll}. Hunt, John Vinton.

Hogreaves. Benj^{a} Savil, John Saunders, Richard Brackett, W^{m}. Bowditch, Silas Lovell, Daniel Nash, Benj^{a}. Nash, David Stone Richard Spear.

Com^{ttee} to Petition The Genl Court for ye Division of ye County. Voted, That the Great & General Court be petitioned for the Division of the County of Suffolk, then Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Josiah Quincy Esqr. Dea. Joseph Palmer, Mr. William Penniman & Capt. Thomas Wales were seperately Nominated and chosen a Committee to Prefer a Petition to the said Court on that affair.

Voted, Joseph Crosbey Esqr. Capt Thomas Allen, & Capt Thomas Wales be a Com^{ttee} to settle acct^{s}. with Elisha Niles Town Treasurer, and that they consider what allowance he the s^{d} Treasurer ought to have for his s^{d} service, and also an affair of Captn Sam^{ll} Clark, late Constable & report to the Town.

Voted, The third and fourth articles in the Warrant be Defer^{d}.

[201] 1760 March 3^{d}.

Petition Reviv^{d} for a Reimbursement. Voted, Samuel Niles Esqr. be desired to Revise the Petition now in the Gen^{ll}. Court Praying a Reimbursement for the charge of building the Slone

Bridge over manatiquot River, Requesting the Prayer of s^{d} Petition be allowed or otherwise, that we be exempt from further charge

Voted, the Selectmen be directed to Exchange the Towns stock of Powder, & take care of the same.

Powder to be directed by the Selectmen. Luke Lambert, accepted Constable. Mr Thomas Vinton Constable Elect Presenting Mr Luke Lambert, to the Town to serve in said office in his stead, Voted, the said Lambert be accepted, Provided the said Vinton give bond, to the Town for his the said Lamberts faithfull discharge of said Trust.

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to the Place & Day the meeting shall be appointed for the choice of a Representative in May next at 2 o clock P.M.

1760 May 19th.

Representative. The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled, Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen under the Hands of the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk made choice of Capt Ebenezer Thayer Junr. to Represent them the ensuing year

1760 May 19th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 3^{d} of March last &c After a Debate Respecting M^{r}. Thomas Vintons not fulfilling his obligation to the Town by giving Bond for Lambert^{s} faithfull discharge of the office of a Constable, Voted, That the Town proceed to the choice of a Constable for the middle Precinct of said Town. The votes being Collected for a Constable M^{r}. Tho^{o} Vinton was chosen. Then Daniel Baxter was nominated & Chosen a Surveyor of Highways.

Constable Accepted. Voted, William Spear be excused serving constable this present year. Then Elijah Vesey was chosen a Constable for the North Precinct & Jonathan Wild was Nominated & Chosen a Surveyor of Highways. William Linsfield Presenting Jonathan Bass to serve as Constable in his stead, Voted, said Bass be accepted, Provided the said Linsfield give Bond for his the said Bass faithfull discharge of said trust.

Then John Bowditch was chosen a Hoggreave & refused serving. Then Thomas White, Elijah Thayer, Sam^{ll}. French 3rd & Jesse Wild were chosen Hogreaves

School House removed Voted, That the School House in the North Precinct be removed nigh the ten mile stake to be placed in the Road as convenient as may, Provided it be Removed clear of any charge to the Town.

Com^{ttee} to Inspect the Comons Voted, Capt. Benja Beal, Mr Peter Markquand & Mr. Caleb Hobart or either two of them be a Committee to Inspect & prosecute all Persons that have or shall tresspass, on the Lands called the Town's Comons by cutting wood on said land.

[202] Voted, That there be a premium paid out of the Towns Treasury on the Heads of black Birds & Red or Ground Squirrells, that may be killed within said Town from the 20th. of May Inst to the 20th. of Septr. next (viz) Two pence for old ones & a penny for young.

Voted, That the widow Elizabeth Arnold be allowed a draw back from the Selectmen for two years Taxes.

Voted This Meeting be adjourned to this day seventh 4 o'clock P.M. at this Place.

1760 May 26th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the nineteenth Instant

The Modr. not being present choose Captn Ebenezer Thayer Modr.

Voted, Elijah Vesey be excused serving Constable this Present year.

Voted Thomas Vinton be excused serving Constable this present year.

Votes being called for Constables Moses Adams & John Holbrook Junr. were chosen. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the second day of June next 4 o'clock P.M at this place.

1760 June 2d

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 26th of May last.

Voted, Moses Adams be excused serving Constable this present year.

Voted, John Holbrook Junr be excused serving Constale this present year.

Voted, That the vote passd on the 26th. of May last Respecting Mr. Thomas Vinton being excused serving Constable this present year be Reconsidered and null.

Then the Votes being calld. for Constables, James Clark & Thomas Vinton were chosen.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the day & Place the meeting should be appointed in august next, and to be before the sd meeting.

1760 July 28th

Ministry Lands The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct of said Town to know the minds of the Town Respecting the Lands sequestered to the use of the ministry whether the Town now concur with or dissent from those acts of the Town Respecting that affair, the Articles of said Warrants being Long & nothing acted thereon they are not carried into the Book, but lodgd. in the Clerk's office.

The seventh Article in said Warrant, To Hear and act upon a List for Jurymen prepared by the Selectmen and to be laid before the Town Pursuant to an act of the Genll. Court.

Assembled as aforesaid chose Capt Thomas Wales Modr.

The Question was put by the Modr. whether they would adjourn said meeting to a more convenient season passd in the Negatve.

Then the Question was put whether the Town would Dismiss the Articles respecting the Comons to a more convenient season passd in the affirmative.

Then the List of Jurymen was read before the Town and Voted accepted.

[203] 1760 August 25th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 2d of June Last &c

Voted, James Clark be excused serving Constable this present year. Then William Savel was chosen Constable and afterwards excused this year

Then, Joseph Field & David Holbrook, Junr. were chosen Constables.

Comttee Report respecting the Treasury. The Committee for setling the Treasury made their Report, to the Town Respecting the state of the Treasury which Report as it stands Inserted on the Treasurer's Book was voted accepted vide Treasurers Book Voll 11 Page 92, 93.

The aforesaid Comttee made Report to the Town Respecting an affair of Capt. Clark.

Braintree Augst. 21st. 1760.

Respecting Capt. Clark. We being appointed to examine into & consider a difficulty subsisting between Capt. Samll. Clark & the Town Treasurer having enquired into that affair it appears that Capt Clark by a mistake was charged to the present Treasurer £2 = 3 = 7 more than he ought to have been and that it is our opinion on the present circumstances that the Town allow said sum to be discounted with said Clerk by the Treasurer.

Joseph Crosbey, } Comttee
Thomas Wales. }

Treasurers allowance. Voted, the said Report be accepted and the Treasurer be directed to discount the said sum of £2 = 3 = 7 with said Clark.

£2 = Then the aforesaid Comttee offerd. a verbal Report respecting the Treasurer's allowance, (viz) that they had considered the said service and that they judged him worthy of Forty Shillings ℔ year for the same, which was voted accepted and the Treasurer allowd forty shillings ℔ year for his past service.

Adjourned. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the 1st. of Septr. next 4 o Clock P.M. at this place.

1760 Augst. 25th.

Meeting Dismistd. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled to Transact some affairs of said Town made choice of Coll. Josiah Quincy for Modr. but disputing the legallity of Luke Lambert's service of the warrant for assem-

bling said meeting as not being Qualify^{d} according to the direction of the Town,

Voted, said meeting be dismissed and the Clerk directed to send a Warrant to Jona. Bass, Const^{le} to warn the Town to assemble at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct on the eighth of Septr next at one o'Clock P.M. To Transact the affairs they now assembled for.

1760 Septr. 1^{ts}.

adjournment. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 25th of augst last.

Voted, Joseph Field be excused serving Constable this Present year.

Voted, David Holbrook Junr. be excused serving Constable this present year

Then Benjamin Baxter & Samuel Arnold were Chosen Constables

adjourned Then the meeting was adjourned to monday 8th. Instant 12 o'clock at noon at this place.

[204] 1760 Septr 8th. Town Meeting

Warrant. The Freeholders & others Inhabitants, of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town on Legal warning to Transact affairs of said Town, the particulars whereof Inserted in the Warrant for calling said meeting are as follows viz. After a Moderator chosen, &c.

First, To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Secondly, To hear the request of Mr. William Penniman Junr. respecting an allowance for making wall on the new way thro' Thomas^{s} Farm (so called) and act thereon.

Thirdly, To consider off and Determine upon some more effectual method to remove the obstructions in the Rivers which prevent the fish at the proper seasons going into the Ponds.

Fourthly, To choose one or more Collectors of Taxes as the Town shall think proper.

Moderator. Being assembled as aforesaid choose Capt Thomas Allen Mod^{r}.

Money raised. £60 — Voted, Sixty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town the present year.

Treasurer directed to call in debts. Voted, The Treasurer be directed forthwith to call in the outstanding debts due to the Town excepting Coll^{l} Hunts, Sam^{ll} Spears Junr, and John Saunders & John Haydens notes for cutting wood on the Towns Commons

W^{m}. Penniman Junr. allowance. Voted, M^{r}. William Penniman Junr. be allowed forty shillings out of the Town's Treasury in addition to what he was to receive for making wall thro' Thomas^{s} Farm (so called)

Committee to remove obstructions in the River Voted separ-

ately Messrs. John Hayward, James Thayer & Jonathan Thayer be a Committee to Remove the obstructions that prevent the fish going into the Ponds, also voted said com^{ttee} be allowed six pounds out of the Town Treasury to be improved for that purpose where they shall judge it most beneficial and that they make report to The town of their proceedings in that affair at their meeting in March next.

1760, Septr. 8th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from 1st Instant

Benja Baxter excused. Voted, Benjamin Baxter be excused serving Constable this present year.

Jedidiah Bass, Constable. Constables allowance. Then Jedidiah Bass, & Samuel Arnold be allowed forty shilling^{s}, each out of the Towns Treasury for serving in the office of Constable.

[205] The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers March 3^{d}. 1761.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town for the choice of Town officers and for the Transacting other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Moderator chosen.

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer and a Register of Deeds for said County.

Secondly, To see if the Town Mend the Ways within said Town by a Tax and act thereon.

Thirdly, To consider of Moving the Towns School Housen in the North & Middle Precints of said Town or build anew as the Town shall think proper also to order as may be thought proper, Respecting the Schools.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will alter the Towns way thro Lands now in the possession of Capt Moses Curtis Junr. and thro' Lands lately in the Possession of John Wendall Esqr.

Fifthly, To hear the Report of any Committee, or choose any Com^{ttees} that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid choose Samuel Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then Elisha Niles was Nominated & Chosen Clerk.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of Constables, as follows, (viz) Moses Adams & David Holbrook Junr. were separately chosen. The said Holbrook appearing and asking the Town excuse for this year, with a Promise of serving another year if he should live, and the Town should choose him, he was excused serving this year.

Then Thomas Vinton was chosen who paid his fine.

Then Ephraim Jones, was chosen who made the return to the

Town that he would either serve or procure a man that should to the Town acceptance.

Then Noah Whitcomb was chosen who presenting Jonathan Bass to serve in said office in his stead, voted, said Bass be accepted provided said Whitcomb give Bond to the Town for his the said Bass faithfull discharge of said Trust and the said Whitcomb gave Bond accordingly.

Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen Selectmen (viz) Mr. Jonathan Rawson, Mr James Brackett Capt. Thomas Allen, Capt Ebenezer Thayer, Junr. & Mr. Joseph White.

[206] Then the Act Relating to the observation of the Lords Day was Read before the Town & then voted there should be six Wardens chosen Pursuant to said act and then the following Gent^{n}. were Nominated & chosen to serve in said office (viz) Mr. Peter Adams Dea^{n}. Jonathan Webb, Mr. Israel Peak Mr. Benj^{a} Hayden, Mr. Joseph Hayward & Mr Samuel Wales.

Then the Mod^{r} call^{d}. for the votes for the County Treasurer & for a Register of Deeds, separately which were brot in & del^{d} to Moses Adams Const^{le}.

Then the following Persons were chosen by Nomination to the Respective offices as follows (viz) Town Treasurer Elisha Niles.

Surveyors of Highways Elijah Vesey, Edmund Billings Doct. Elisha Savel Daniel Baxter, Jedidiah Bass, Benja Vesey, Benja. Thayer, Sam^{ll}. French 3^{d}, Micah Wild, David Holbrook Junr. W^{m}. Whitmarsh, Nehemiah Hayden, Nath^{ll} Belcher Junr. Joseph Wales Junr. Ebenezer Pain Eliphalet Sawen.

Tythingmen. Ebenezer Adams, Abijah Allen, Ebenezer Crane.

Fence Viewers. Benja Vesey Junr. Samuel Curtis Junr. Richard Thayer Samuel Savel Junr. Nathl. Vinton, Seth Turner.

Fire Wardens. Zachariah Marquand, Jonathan Randall.

Surveyors of Lumber W^{m}. Field Junr. Benja. Thayer, Seth Turner John Clark.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves. Sam^{ll}. Hunt, Capt. Saml. Clark, John Vinton.

Hogg reaves. Joseph Crane, Daniel Nash, David Slone, Zachariah Field, Silas Lovell, Hezekiah Ludden.

Then proceeded to the Article of Mending the ways within said Town by a Tax and after considerable Debate thereon Coll. Josiah Quincy made a Present of Fifty Dollars to the Town to be expended in mending the ways within the same, and further Inform^{d} the Town they should be welcome by the Treasurer to draught upon him for the same.

Voted, The thanks of the Town be given to the Coll^{o} for his noble & Generous Grant made the Town and that the said 50 Dollars be expended for the use aforesaid under the direction of the Selectmen where they shall judge most beneficial and minutes taken of their proceedings and lay^{d} before the Town the first opportunity.

[207] Voted, The Article Respecting the School Housen & Schools be Dismis^{d}.

Voted, The Article Respecting, altering the way be Dismiss^{d}.

Voted, The Com^{ttee} Impowered to Remove the obstructions in the River be still impowered to continue to prevent obstructions by Dams as far as the Law will allow.

1761, May 18th.

Representative. Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen under the Hand of the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. agreeable to his Majesty^{s}. charter to vote in the choice of a Representative being legally assembled made choice of Captn. Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. to Represent them at the Great & Gen^{ll} Court the ensuing year.

1761 May 18th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town on Legall warning to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz)

First, To choose any Town Officers that may be necessary, also to act upon the affair of a Constable for the Middle Precinct.

Secondly, To Consider and Determine upon some effectual method whereby to Reduce the number of Licensed Houses in this Town as it is thought the present number are unnecessary

Thirdly, To Hear & Determine the Request of any Constable or Constables.

Fourthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{ttee} or choose any Com^{ttees} that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid choose Dea^{n}. James Penniman Mod^{r}.

Then M^{r}. Nath^{ll}. Wales was chosen a Selectman in the place of Capt Allen.

William Bowditch, & John Hayden Sec^{dus} Fence Viewers

Ephraim Jones, Constable elect appeared & Refusing serving in said office secured the fine to the Town by his Note of Hand

Then John Hollis was chosen Constable who also paid the fine.

After a full Debate upon the second Article, It was by a Great Majority of the Members Present,

Voted, That although Licensed Houses so far as they are conveniently scituated well accommodated & under due Regulation for the Releif & Entertainment of Travellers & Strangers may be a usefull Institution, Yet there is Reason to apprehend that the present prevailing Depravity of Manners through the Land in General & in this Town in particular and the shamefull neglect of Religious & Civil Duties, so highly offensive in the sight of God, & injurious to the peace & Welfare of Society are in a [208] great measure owing to the unnecessary increase of Licensed Houses.

Voted, That for the future there be no Persons in this Town, Licens^{d} for retailing spirituos Liquors & that there be three persons only approbated by the Selectmen as Inn-holders, suitably situated, one in each Precinct.

Voted, That the Persons that are approbated as Inn-holders for the ensuing year oblidge themselves by written Instruments under their Hands & Seals to retail spiritous Liquors to the Town Inhabitants as they shall have occasion therefor, at the same price by the Gallon or smaller Quantity as the same are usually sold by Retail in the Town of Boston and upon the performance of the above conditions, there be no Person or Persons approbated by the Selectmen as Retailers.

Voted, That the Town now proceed by written votes to the choice of the Persons & places they think most conveniently scituated & best Qualify^{d}, for the purposes aforesaid, accordingly the votes were brot in which being examined it appeared Mr. Sam^{ll}. Bass Junr. was chosen for the North Precinct, M^{r}. Benjamin Hayden for the Middle & Mr. Jonathan Wales for the South.

Voted, That there be a Com^{ttee} appointed to draw up & present a Humble Mem^{o} to the Justices of the Q^{n} sessions to be holden at Boston on the first Tuesday of July next, praying that the present proceedings of the Town Respecting Licens^{d}. Houses meet with their approbation, and that an authenticated copy of the votes of the Town be annexed thereto and Presented therewith, as also that the same Com^{ttee} serve the Selectmen of the Town with a Copy of s^{d} votes, with the Towns desire that they would act in conformity thereto.

Then Joseph Crósbey, Josiah Quincy & Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. were seperately, Voted, to be the Committee aforesaid.

Voted, M^{r}. Moses Adams be allowed Forty shillings out of the Town Treas^{ry} for his service as Constable the present year.

1761 Augst. 24th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town on Legall warning to Transact the affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen, &c.

First, To Bring in Valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To Raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Thirdly, To Choose a Constable for the Middle Precinct

[209] Fourthly, To consider of and act upon an affair that may be laid before the Town by their Treasurer Respecting Lands, lately conveyed to Sam^{ll}. Savill dec^{d}, & also Respecting Leasees of the South Commons who contrary to their obligations to the Town Refused to make, return for the stones they have carried oft said Land.

Fifthly, To hear and act upon a Request of Sam^{ll} Holbrook wherein he prays, allowance for building a Bridge over Cramberry Brook.

Sixthly, To hear the Report of any Com^{ttees} or choose any Com^{ttees}. Assembled as aforesaid choose M^{r}. W^{m}. Penniman Mod^{r}.

Moderator. The Mod^{r}. call^{d}. upon the meeting to bring in their Valuations to the Selectmen.

Money assessed £120 — Voted, One Hundred and Twenty Pounds Lawfull money be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within s^{d} Town to defrey the Charge of the Town the Present year.

Constable. Then Mr. Isaiah Thayer was chosen constable, and upon his acceptance of said office, Voted, that the Town allow him forty shillings Lawfull money.

Town Treasurer Discharg^{d} Sam^{ll} Savills Debt. Voted, The Town Treasurer be discharged a Debt due from Sam^{ll} Savil deceased to the Town he producing the Deed made & executed in the Towns behalf to the s^{d} Savil unto a Com^{ttee} that may be now appointed by the Town to reconvey said Land.

Com^{ttee} to make sale of Land Lately conveyed to Sam^{ll}. Savil Deceased. Voted, Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Mr. Seth Copeland & M^{r}. Ebenezer Adams, be a Com^{ttee} to make sale of the Towns Land lately conveyed to Sam^{ll} Savil deceas^{d}. and to make & Execute a good & Lawfull Deed of the same in the name & behalf of the Town.

Voted, The Paragraph in the 4th. article Respecting the Leasees, of the South Comons be dismiss^{d}.

Sam^{ll} Holbrook allowed. Voted, Mr. Sam^{ll}. Holbrook be allowed Three Pounds out of the Towns Treasury for his service of building the Bridge.

[210] 1762 March 1st.

Anno Domini 1762. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c. March 1st. 1762.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law, to vote in Town affairs being assembled by Legall warning at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers and for Transacting other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) After a Moderator chosen, &c.

First To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year, as the Law directs. Also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To consider off & act upon the affair now depending between the Town & the Leasees of the south comons as their Lease is near expiring. And likewise to proceed after the expiration of said Lease to the further Regulation of said comon Lands either by Renting or Selling the same as the Town shall think proper.

Thirdly, To consider of a Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of said Town Praying there may be a Town way laid out from the House of M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Vesey on Hough's Neck thro' Rye Island to the way leading to Germantown.

Fourthly, To Consider of and act upon a Request of Mr Benjamin Vesey Sec^{dus} who moves to exchange a Small peice of Land with the Town to accommodate both parties.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will order a Gore of Common land

Lying to the North of Mr. Thomas Thayer's Land also a peice of Common Land near to Mr. Clement Haydens Lying uninclosed & to the Southward of the Fence enclosing said Comons to be sold.

Sixthly, To Hear and act upon a Request of Mr Moses Brackett, who moves to exchange a piece of Salt marsh with the town Lying in Germantown, to accommodate both parties.

Seventhly, To consider what may be proper to be done to Prevent the obstruction of Fish into the Ponds & act thereon.

Eighthly, To hear the Report of any Com^{ttees} or choose any Committees that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid Voted, that the Town would then proceed to the choice of the Moderator in the way of Nomination.

Then Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy was nominated & Chosen Moderator.

Elisha Niles was Nominated & Chosen Clerk for the year ensuing.

William Spear, David Holbrook Junr. & Eliphalet Sawen were chosen Constables.

Voted That the Constables that should serve the Town the Present year be allowed out of the Town Treasury Forty shillings each for their said service.

Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen Selectmen (viz) Ebenezer Miller Esqr. M^{r}. Jonathan Rawson, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Captn Ebenezer Thayer Junr & Mr Joseph White.

Voted, William Spear be excused serving Constable he paying into the Towns Treasury Three pounds Lawfull money.

[211] David Holbrook Junr Presenting John Vinton to the Town to serve in the office of Constable in his the said Davids stead. Voted That John Vinton be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the place or stead of the said David Holbrook Junr. Provided the said David Lodge a Bond with the Town Treasurer thereby securing the Town from any Damage that might acrue to the said Town, by the said John Vinton's default in said office

Voted, Noah Whitcomb be allowed Forty shillings out of the Towns Treasury for his service as Constable the last year.

Then the Town Proceeded to the Choice of the following officers by Nomination (viz)

Wardens. John Hall, Moses Brackett, William White, Nathaniel Wales, Seth Turner, Joseph Porter.

Treasurer. Elisha Niles.

Surveyors of Highways. Joseph Field, Sam^{ll}. Bass Junr. James Clark, Benj^{a}. Vesey, Benj^{a} Savil, Thomas Vinton, Seth Copeland, Caleb Hobart Junr. Zach^{h}. Marquand, John Ludden Ickabod Holbrook, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, Nehemiah French, Elijiah French, Sam^{ll} Wales, Benj^{a} Spear Junr.

Tything men. Peter Adams, Edmand Soper, Jonathan Wild.

Fence Viewers. Josiah Capen, James Brackett Jr. John Noyes, Nehemiah Hayden, Seth Turner, Capt Saml. Clark.

Fire Wardens. Zachariah Marquand, Noah Whitcomb.

Surveyors of Lumber. William Field jun^{r} Benj^{a} Thayer, John Clark.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Culler of Staves. Samuel White John Clark.

Hogg-reaves. Joseph Rugles Pain, John Mills Sec^{dus}. Pelitiah Penniman, Nathaniel French, Sam^{ll} Woods Isaac Spear.

The 3^{d} article dismissed.

Voted, To raise a Committee to treat with the Leasees of the South Comons Respecting the affair depending between the Town & Leasees & make Report at the adjournment of this meeting. Then the following Gent^{n}. were separately chosen to be a Com^{ttee} for that affair viz Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy Dea^{n}. James Penniman & Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll} Bass.

Voted, Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy, Dea^{n}. James Penniman & Dea^{n} Thomas Wales, be a Committee to examine into the state of the School, in this Town of Late and whether the money expended for Schools hath been Improved to advantage. Likewise to consider in what manner the Town may be best serv^{d}, by their schools, for the future & make Report at the meeting in May next.

Then the Meeting adjourned to Monday 29th. Inst^{t}. at 10 of Clock A.M. in this place.

[212] 1762 March 29th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the first of March currant.

The Com^{ttee} of the Town offer^{d}. their Report as follows (viz)

The Com^{ttee} appointed by the Town to Treat with the Leasees of the South Commons having attended that service beg leave to Report, That they found the Leasees unwilling to fulfill the conditions of their Lease as will more fully appear by a Representation of their case drawn up & signed by them & herewith Presented to the Town for their consideration.

Jos^{a} Quincy }
James Penniman } Com^{ttee}

We the subscribers Leasees of the South Comons having attended upon the Towns Com^{ttee} appointed to treat with us Respecting the Difficulties Relatively thereto beg leave to make the following Representation & Proposal to the Town at their present meeting by adjournment.

1st. We do hereby Resign & Deliver up to the Town the common Land held by us in Virtue of said Lease.

2^{d}. That during the whole term of our Lease we have laboured under the greatest Discouragements & have been great sufferers by reason of an open way laid out through said land, after said Leases were executed. For altho' we repeatedly attempted to fence against the same by a sufficient stone wall, yet we were as often Prevented by certain unknown evil minded Persons who as fast as we built up the wall by Day did in the Night time throw the same down again by which means and Innumerable other Trespasses upon the Premises which could neither be foreseen nor prevented, We have been unexpectedly deprived of the greatest part of Profits we hoped to reap by our Improvement of said Lands

so that upon the whole we are very certain all the Benefitt we have derived from said Lands will not Recompense the Labour & expense we have been at in making stone wall round the same.

[213] 3d. If the Town should not think Proper to consider our case but should insist upon the fulfilling the conditions of our Lease, We beg leave to Propose to the Town that all matters in Dispute between the Town & us Relating to said Lease & the Lands we have occupied by virtue thereof, be left to the Judgment & final Determination of three or five indifferent Men to be chosen mutually by a Committee of the Towns to be appointed & impowered for that purpose & ourselves and upon sd Referees being so mutually chosen & impowered we do hereby Promise to join issue with the sd Comtee and to execute Bonds of Arbitration according to Law thereby oblidging ourselves to abide by their award all which is humbly offerd to the Towns consideration by

William Penneman }
Thos. Faxon } Leasees.
Braintree March 29th, 1762. Ebenr Penniman }

The Representation of the Leasees of the South commons being Read & Considered, the Town came into the following Vote, viz. Voted, That the Town doth not agree to the first article in said Representation.

Voted, That the Town cannot agree to the Second Article therein contained as the facts therein alleged are not supported by sufficient evidence.

Voted, That agreeable to the third Article a Committee be appointed & impowered to join issue with the Leasees & to execute the purposes therein contained

Voted, That Mr. John Adams, Samuel Niles Esqr. & Dean. Thomas Wales be & hereby are appointed & impowered to join issue with the Leasees, in executing the Purposes contained in the third Article of their Representation above Recorded.

Voted, That a Committee be raised to consider & Determine what may be proper for the Town to act Respecting the South Comons either by Renting or Selling the same & make Report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting. Then voted the Comttee appointed to join issue with the Leasees of the South Comons be the comttee for the purposes aforesd.

Voted, the 4th. & 5th. Article contained in the Warrant be dismisd.

Voted, Respecting Mr. Moses Bracketts Request that a Comttee be appointed by the Town to take the affair under consideration and that sd. Comttee view the premises & treat with Dean. Palmer, the Leasee of the Towns Land and make Report at the adjournment of this meeting sd Brackett paying the Comttee for their services.

Then Dean. James Penniman, Mr. Edmund Billings & Samll Niles Esqr. were appointed a Committee for that affair.

Voted, Messrs. John Hayward, James Thayer & Jonathan Thayer, be a Comtee to prevent the obstructions of the Fish into the Pond.

Then Thomas Allen was chosen a Hog-reave.

Then the Mod^{r}. with the consent of the Meeting adjourned said meeting to the 12th Day of April next Ten of the clock, forenoon at this place.

[214] 1762 April 12th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the Twenty ninth of March last.

The Bonds of Arbitration between the Towns Com^{ttee} & the Leasees of the South Comons with the award were read before the Town.

Com^{tee} on the South Comons Report. Then the Committee Respecting the South Comons offer^{d} their Report thereon to the Town which is as follows, viz.

We the subscribers the Committee appointed to consider & report what method appears most advantageous to the Town, relative to the disposal of the South Comons, beg leave to report that having considered that subject as thoughroughly as we were able it appears to us that the Town would reap very considerable advantages in the alleviation of their Taxes and the removal of jealousies & animosities by proceeding to appoint & impower a committee to make sale of the whole of said South comons in such Lotts & Divisions as shall be thought proper at public vendue, & we beg leave further to Report as our opinion that the Proceeds of the sale of the Lands within said commons formerly sett apart for the Ministry be appropriated to that use.

John Adams
Sam^{ll}. Niles
Thomas Wales

Braintree, April 12th. 1762.

The above Report being read before the Town was voted accepted, Benjamin Cleverly entered his Dissent against the proceedings of the meeting.

Voted, That the vote Respecting accepting the Com^{tees} Report as above be Reconsidered & null.

Voted, that the first clause in the Com^{ttees} report Relative to the sale of the South commons be accepted.

S^{o}. Comons sold. Voted, That a Committee be appointed & impowered to proceed to the sale of the said South commons, agreeable to the Com^{tees} report and to make & execute good & Lawfull Deeds of the same in the Name & behalf of the Town.

Then Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy, Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. & Capt Thomas Wales were appointed a Com^{tee} for the purposes aforesaid.

Voted, A Com^{tee} be appointed to consider in what manner the proceeds that may arise by the sale of the South commons be secured to the Town as a fund that the Town may Reap the annual benefit & if possible be under no capacity of being allienated.

Then Voted, Messrs. John Adams, Samuel Bass, John Hayward, Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Dea^{a}. Jon^{a} Allen be a Com^{tee} to consider that affair & Report to the Town.

[215] 1762 April 12th

Voted, That Thomas Vinton be excused serving as a Surveyor of Highways, the Present year & That Israel Peak be accepted to serve in said office in his stead.

Then David Pain was chosen a Hog Reave for the present year.

adjourned. Then the Modr. with the consent of the Meeting adjourned said meeting to the Day the meeting should be appointed for the choice of a Representative in May next and to be after said meeting.

1762 May 19th.

Representative. Pursuant to a Precept under the Hand & Seal of the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, directed to the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree, the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Town Qualifyd agreable to his Majestys Charter to vote in the choice of a Representative assembled & made choice of Capt. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. to Represent them in the great & Genll. Court the ensuing year.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the Twelfth of April last, &c

So Comons sold. The Comttee appointed for the sale of the South common made their Report to the Town of their Proceedings thereon, viz. that they had made sale of the Whole of said So Commons, to several Persons with a Particular acct. of the severall Lotts, together with the Purchasers of sd lotts, & the severall sums the said Lotts were sold for amounting in the Whole to Seven Hundred Twenty Two Pounds, fourteen shillings Lawfull money, exclusive of charges which Report was voted accepted.

Then the Question was put by the Modr whether the Town would confirm & Ratify the sale of those Lotts laid out in sd So Commons for the use of the Ministry Voted & pasd in the affirmative.

Then Benjamin Savil was chosen Constable.

The Comttee appointed to consider in what manner the Proceeds of the sale of the South Comons may be secured as a fund to the Town made their Report as follows viz.

Comttees Report Respecting a fund to secure the Proceeds of the sale of the So Commons &c. We the Subscribers appointed a Comttee to consider in what manner the proceeds that may arise by the sale of the So Commons be secured to the Town as a fund that the Town may Reap the annual Benefit of the same and if possible be made no capacity of being alienated, Humbly report [216] that the late Comttee for sale be desired & directed to take of the purchasers either the money or obligations for the money with good & Sufficient security Personal, Real or both at their best Discretion, said money to be payable to the Town Treasurer & his successors in sd office at & not before ye Day of the expiration of the North Comon Lease & to be upon Interest, and in case the Comtee should take of the Purchasers any cash said cash to be placed out on good security in like manner.

That the Town may if they see cause after the expiration of s^d^ North common Lease Petition the Gen^ll^ Court to incorporate certain Trustees & impower them to take Bonds & mortgages to themselves & their successors in s^d^ office that so the Town may reap the annual Interest of s^d^ Money for ever without having any power to alienate the Principal.

Braintree May 19th. 1762.

Sam^ll^ Bass
James Penniman
Jon^a^ Allen
John Hayward
John Adams
} Com^ttee^

The above Report being Read before the Town was Voted accepted with this amendment that any of the Purchasers of the above s^d^ Lands shall have Liberty to Pay their Respective Dues to the Town in one or Two years as they see cause & that the same be placed out as above directed.

Then M^r^. John Adams was appointed & impowered by the Town to draw Conveyances & Securities respecting s^d^ S^o^ Commons.

The Com^tee^ appointed Respecting Lands sold to Sam^ll^ Savil decs^d^. offer^d^ their Report to the Town as follows (viz)

Saml. Savils deed d^d^. We the Subscribers being appointed to receive the Deed that was made by this Town's Committee to Sam^ll^. Savil Junr Deceased (of a piece of Towns Comon) in the Hand of our Town Treasurer & to make sale of s^d^ Land & execute a Deed of the same in behalf and to the use of s^d^ Town, We have Proceeded & Sold s^d^ Land to Joseph Crossbey Esqr. for the sum Sam^ll^ Savil was to give & the Interest thereof from the date of s^d^ Deed to Mr Savil, decease^d^ & delivered the same sum to our Treasurer.

Braintree March 1st. 1762.

Eben^r^. Adams
James Penniman
Seth Copeland
} Com^ttee^

The above Report was voted accepted.

[217] 1762 Aug^st^. 23^d^.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz)

First, To choose any Town Officers that may be necessary.

Secondly, To bring in Valuations to the Selectmen.

Thirdly, To raise money to Defrey the contingent charges of the Town for the current year.

Fourthly, To consider and Determine upon some effectual method to Prevent the great difficulty that attends the Bridge called Fox Bridge.

Fifthly, To consider whether the Town will allow anything as an Encouragement to a Person that will engage to sett up & maintain a Horse Mill for the grinding of Grain.

Sixthly, To Hear the Report of any com^ttees^ or choose any com^ttees^ that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

The Com^{ttee} appointed for the sale of the South Comons made their Report to the Town agreeable to the Report offerr^{d} to the Town 17th. of May last & exhibited therewith a particular acct. of said sale which was voted accepted.

Then Elijah Vesey was chosen Constable for the Present year

Money raised £130 — Voted, One Hundred & Thirty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town to Defrey the charges of the Town the Currant year.

Com^{ttee} for ye Bridge. Voted, That M^{r}. Caleb Hobart, Capt John Hayward & Dea^{n} Sam^{ll} Bass, be a Com^{ttee} to Inspect the Stone Bridge aforesaid & consider and Determine what they shall think necessary for effecting the Difficulty now subsisting and upon their Resolve thereon to Lett the same out to Labourers that shall appear to effect the same at the lowest rate.

Voted, that the Town Proceed at this time Respecting a Horse Mill.

Vote for a Horse Mill. Voted, M^{r}. Jonathan Thayer be allow^{d} to draw Forty Pounds Lawfull money, From the Town Treasury as an encouragement to him for the setting up and maintaining a Horse mill for the grinding of Grain, Provided the s^{d}. Jon^{o} Thayer with good sureties Lodge or Bond with the Town's Treasurer thereby oblidging Himself & Heirs for the space of Twenty years next succeeding to sett up & maintain a Horse mill nigh his the s^{d} Jonathan's new Dwelling House for the Grinding of Grain so that any of the Inhabitants of the Town may be supply^{d} with Grinding in times of Drought or scarcity of water for Grinding at the water mills he Demanding & taking no more than the Lawfull toll and in his the s^{d} Jonathans Projection for the setting up & maintaining s^{d} mill, shall not prove effectual then the said Jonathan Thayer or his Heirs &c to pay the s^{d} Forty Pounds with the Lawfull Interest for the same from the time he Rec^{d}. said sum into the Town Treasury for the use of s^{d} Town.

[218] 1762 Augst 23^{d}.

Com^{ttee} to settle with Treasurer. Voted, Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Capt. John Hayward & Mr Azariah Faxon be a Com^{tee} to settle accts with the Towns Treasurer & make Report to the Town.

1762, Sept 30th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town, of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) after a Mod^{r}. chosen.

First, To see if the Town will reconsider their vote respecting a Horse mill to be sett up by Mr. Jonathan Thayer, and to act upon that affair respecting said Horse mill as the Town shall think proper.

Secondly, To consider and act upon a request of M^{r}. Elijah

Vesey, wherein he Prays to be excused serving as Constable this present year, & to choose another constable if necessary.

Thirdly, To Hear the Report of any com^{ttees} or choose any Com^{ttees} if necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Mr. Jonathan Rawson, was chosen Moderator.

Horse Mill Negative^{d}. After Large Debate respecting the Forty Pounds allow^{d} Mr Jonathan Thayer on 23^{d} of August Last as an encouragement for the setting up & maintaining a Horse Mill for the Grinding of Grain.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be directed to withhold said sum & not Pay the same to the said Jon^{a}. for the purpose aforesaid the Town's vote above refer^{d} to notwithstanding.

Mr. Elijah Vesey Presenting M^{r}. Benj^{a} Bass, to the Town to serve as Constable in his stead. Voted, the s^{d} Benjamin Bass be accepted, to serve in the office of a Constable the ensuing year in the stead of the s^{d} Elijah Vesey, Provided the said Vesey Lodge good & sufficient Bond with the Town's Treasurer for the s^{d} Bass faithfull discharge of said office.

Voted, the s^{d} Benjamin Bass be allowed Forty shillings out of the Towns Treasury for his services as Constable the ensuing year.

[219] The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town officers March 7th. 1763.

1763, March 7th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House, in the middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers & Transacting other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To consider & Determine what the Town may think proper Relative to Schools & School Housen within said Town.

Thirdly, To consider and Determine Respecting building a Work House within said Town.

Fourthly, To Determine whether the Town Meetings for the future be warned by Posting up a copy of the Warrant in one or more Publick places within each Precinct of s^{d} Town.

Fifthly, To Hear & act upon a request of M^{r}. Ebenezer Newcomb Jr. Relating to the Town Way leading from his House to Mr Benj^{a} Cleverly^{s}

Sixthly, To Hear & Determine a Request of Mr. Thomas Faxon, respecting Draw backs he hath Rec^{d}. by an order on the Treasurer

Seventhly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{ttees} or choose any com^{ttees} that may be necessary

Being assembled as aforesaid, Samuel Niles Esqr. was chosen Mod^{r}.

Then Elisha Niles was Nominated & chosen Cler. for the ensuing year.

Votes being called for Constables Joseph Field was chosen & then excused for this year. Then Benj^{a} Savil, was chosen & then likewise excused for this year. Christopher Thayer was chosen Constable who Presenting, to the Town Moses French Jr. to serve in s^{d} office in his The said Christopher stead.

Voted that Moses French Jr be accepted in the place or stead of Christopher Thayer to serve in the office of a Constable, Provided the s^{d} Christopher Lodge a sufficient Bond with the Town Treasurer to indemnify the Town from any damage that may arise by any default of the s^{d} Moses in said office.

Also Voted, The said Moses French Jr. be allowed Forty shillings for his s^{d} Service. Micah White & James Clark were chosen Constables.

Voted, Micah White be allowed Forty shillings out of the Town Treasury for his s^{d} Service.

Then the Town Proceeded to the choice of Selectmen the votes being examined it appeared the following Gent^{n} were chosen, viz.

Ebenezer Miller Esqr. Mr Sam^{ll} Bass Jr. Captn. Ebenezer Thayer jr M^{r}. Nathaniel Wales & Mr. Joseph White, Selectmen.

Elisha Niles was chosen Treasurer for the Town the ensuing year

Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday the Eleventh Instant at ten of the clock A.M. at this place.

[220] March 11th. 1763.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from 7th of March Instant Proceeded to the choice of Town officers &c.

Surveyors of Highways Josiah Capen, Benj^{a} Baxter, Charles Baxter Daniel Baxter, Benja. Cleverly Jr. Mr. Caleb Hobart, Noah Whitcomb, Deering Spear Jr Joseph Wales Jr. Noah Thayer.

Tything men. Peter Adams, James Thayer Nathaniel Belcher Jr

Wardens. Samuel Baxter, Seth Bass, Edmund Soper, Thomas Thayer, John Clark, Jonathan Wales.

Fence Viewers Seth Baxter Daniel Arnold, Benjamin Vesey, Balch Cowen, Isaac Spear, Joshua French.

Fire Wardens. Zachariah Marquand, Noah Whitcomb.

Surveyors of Lumber. Willm. Field Jr. John Curtis Jr. John Clark.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves. Lt Sam^{ll} White, John Clark.

Hogg reaves. William Spear J^{r}. Joseph Cleverly Sec^{dus} Luke Lambert, Benj^{a} Nash, David Sloan, Simeon Thayer.

Voted, James Clark be allowed Forty shillings out of the Town Treasury for his Service as Constable the Present year.

School Housen &c Voted, that there be a School House built in each Precinct of the s^{d} Town at the Towns expense.

Voted, that the School House in the North Precinct be erected opposite to the Ten mile stake, Provided M^{r}. John Beal, will allow, a peice of Land in exchange for the Land where the old Pound stood.

Voted, The South Precinct have Liberty to provide a Place for to erect a School House.

Voted, That the school House in the middle Precinct be erected on the South east corner of Benj^{a} Hayden's Land at the Lane leading to M^{r}. Lem^{ll}. Thayers

Voted, That a Com^{ttee} be raised in each Precinct to Plan the Bigness of s^{d} Houses, & the manner in which they shall be built and let the same out to any of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town that appear & engage to Effect the same and the lowest Rate and that the offers for effecting s^{d} buildings be delivered to the Respective Com^{tee} of each Precinct sealed & that s^{d} Committees shall declare the undertakers those that are Lowest in their bid or offer.

No, Precinct com^{ttee} Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy, Captn. Eben^{r}. Adams Captn Benj^{a} Beal.

Middle Ditto, Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Captn John Hayward, Mr Nath^{ll} Wales.

S^{o}. Ditto, Dea^{n}. Thomas Wales, Doct^{r}. Moses Baker, Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll}. Bass

[221] 1763, March 11th.

Com^{ttee}. to contract with Jno. Beal. Voted, The Com^{ttee} in the North Precinct for Conducting the affair of the School House have full Power to contract with the aforesaid John Beal Respecting the exchange of Lands as before provided and that they give & take security in the Name & behalf of the Town.

Voted, That the Town will not act on the Article respecting the work House, at this time

Warrants to be posted up. Voted, That the Constable in each Precinct be directed for the future to Post up a Copy of the Warrant for the Town meetings with a Notification of s^{d} meeting Ten days before the meeting at Two Publick Taverns within each Precinct if such there be.

Voted, That the Selectmen be desired to view the way Refer^{d} to in the fifth article of the warrant & make Report to the Town on their adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, Mr Thomas Faxon be allow^{d} one Pound four shillings pursuant to his Request

Voted, Dea^{n}. Palmer, Doct^{r}. Savel & Mr. James Brackett be a Com^{ttee} to treat with Coll^{o} John Quincy Respecting a way to accommodate the Inhabitants of the Town to and from Haugh's Neck & make report at the adjournment of this meeting.

Com^{ttee} Report for settling the Treasury. The Com^{ttee} appointed 23^{d} of August Last to settle acct^{s}, with the Towns Treasurer offer^{d}. their Report thereon which was voted by the Town accepted which

Report with the List of outstanding Debts is carried into the Treasurers Book vide foll 2 Page 101 &.

40^{s} ℔ annum Voted, The Treasurer be allowed forty shillings P^{r} annum for three years past service.

Com^{ttee}. for the fish Voted, The Com^{ttee} appointed last year to prevent the obstructions of the fish into the Pond, by damms or other impediments are desired & impowered to take special care that said fish be not obstructed, this present Year.

adjourned. Voted The meeting be adjourned to the day & place the Meeting shall be appointed for the choice of a Representative in May next at Two o Clock P.M. on s^{d} day.

1763 May 16th.

Representative. The Freeholders & others Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to Vote in the choice of a Representative being Legally assembled, Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen made choice of Capt Ebenezer Thayer J^{r} to serve for & Represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court or Assembly the year ensuing.

1763 May 16th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to Vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the Eleventh of March last &c.

Voted, Elisha Niles be Surveyor of Highways the Present year in conjunction with Mr Caleb Hobart for the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town.

Voted, Moses French Jr. be a Fire Ward the Present year.

The Selectmens Return of Highways laid out enter^{d} at the close of this meeting.

[222] Voted, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Dea^{n}. James Penniman, & M^{r}. Nathl. Belcher Jr. be a Com^{ttee} to Lett out the Towns part of Wall thro' M^{r}. Ebenezer Copelands Land. Provided the other part be made agreeable to the conditions of accepting s^{d} Way.

Voted, The Committee appointed in the North Precinct for Erecting a School House in s^{d} Precinct have the Liberty to place a stove or build a Chimney in s^{d} House as they shall judge most advantagious

The Honble Peter Oliver Esq Petition granted. On Reading the Petition of the Honble. Peter Oliver Esqr & others for a Highway near the blue Hills, &c

Voted That no objection be made to Granting the Prayer of the Pet^{n}. of the Honble. Peter Oliver Esq & oth^{rs} for a Publick Road thro' the Blew Hills, Provided those Inhabitants of Milton who are Proprietors of Land in Braintree thro' which s^{d} Road is Propos^{d} to be laid out freely Give their Land as the Prop^{rs}. who live in Braintree do freely offer to give theirs.

The selectmens Return of Town Ways.

Townways. We the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree being directed by this Town to view sundry ways, First the way through M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Copeland's Land & a number of other Persons Land &

Report whether it is proper to have a way thro' s^{d} Land. We are unanimous of opinion that it is necessary to have a way laid out thro' s^{d} Lands Beginning at the Road leading from the Iron works in a corner of s^{d} Copeland's Land and straight thro' his Land to the South side of a large Rock near the Barr's, by M^{r}. Matthias Cheesman's Land & then thro' s^{d} Chessman's Land South of a Large Rock & old cellar, so along a Ridge & on the South side of his Barn & South of an old pine stump, then to a pair of Bars in M^{r}. Daniel Pratts Land, then thro' a Corner of s^{d} Pratts Land to a way formerly used, then keeping the oldest way till it strikes the N. E. Corner of Mr. Daniel White's Land, then Running to the S. W. corner of Justice Dyer's Land then keeping along by Capt John Whites fence till it strikes the aforesaid old way then keeping s^{d} way till it strkes the N. E. Corner of Simeon Thayers Land being the 13th Lott then across Zachariah Thayers Lott to the line between said Thayer & Capt Faxons lott and on that line till it strikes the aforesaid old way then keeping said old way till it strikes a lane on the south side of M^{r}. Ebenezer Whites House, then running Easterly till it strikes Weymouth line this Town not to be at any expense for s^{d} way and said Way to be one Rod & half wide.

[223] Also to view the way leading from M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Newcombs to M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Cleverlys We think it proper to have said way laid out as follows (viz) Beginning at great Rock near M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Newcombs & running about 52 Rods in the way formerly used till it comes to a heap of Stones then Running Easterly about 28 Rods till it comes into the Way laid out some years agoe then keeping s^{d} Way about 28 Rods then keeping along between the Hill & the fence lately made by M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Newcomb J^{r} till it comes to the Brook, being about 36 Rods, then over the Brook to the way laid out some years agoe by Mr Joseph Pray's Door being about 8 Rods then keeping said Way as it is now fenced to Mrs Apthorps house the Town to be at no expense for s^{d} ways, and M^{r}. Eben Newcomb jr. to have the land in the old way in lieu of this now taken, for a way and s^{d} Newcomb to procure a Deed from Mr. Thomas Newcomb to Mr John Ruggles of a piece of land lately taken off s^{d} Thom^{s} Newcombs Land to accommodate s^{d} Ruggles with a Way & s^{d} Way to be one Rod & half wide.

Eben^{r} Miller ꝑ order of the Selectmen.

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Selectmens report

Attest, Elisha Niles Town Cler.

Voted, the Report Respecting the way leading thro' M^{r}. Copelands Land and so on to Weymouth Line be accepted. Likewise

Voted, the Town be at the expense of erecting a stone wall on one side of the Way propos^{d} thro' s^{d} M^{r}. Copelands land, provided those that are benefitted by s^{d} way make a stone wall on the other side s^{d} way thro' s^{d} Copelands Land.

Voted, The Way thro' M^{r}. Ebenz^{r} Newcombs land be accepted as the report of s^{d} way stands.

The Report of the way thro' Captn Moses Curtis Land order^{d} to be Lodged with the Cler.

1763, Augst. 24.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to act in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town to Transact affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Moderator chosen

Firstly, To bring in Valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To raise money to Defrey the Town charge, the currant year.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will Reconsider their vote Respecting Placing the School House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town & direct in the placing s^{d} House.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will Remit to the Purchasers of the South Commons the Interest due on their Bond the 25th. of March last

Fifthly, To hear the Report of any Com^{ttees} or choose any Committees that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid Joseph Crosbey Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then the Mod^{r}. Call^{d}. for the valuations.

Money raised £300 Voted, Three Hundred Pounds be assessed on the Pols & Rateable Estates within this Town for Defreying the charge of the Town the Currant year.

Voted, 3^{d} & 4th Articles be Dismiss^{d}.

Voted, Coll^{o}. Josiah Quincy, Dea^{n}. Saml Bass, & Dea^{n}. James Penniman be a Com^{ttee} to settle acct^{s} with the Town Treas^{r}.

Voted, Eben^{r}. Miller Esq. be an agent for this Town to act as he shall judge best with the Com^{ttee} of Dorchester & Milton Respecting the opening the Damm on Neponset River.

adjourned. At an adjournment from 16th. of May last Josiah Quincy Esq. Mod^{r}.

The Report made by the Selectmen Respecting the way thro' Capt. Moses Curtis Land being Read, Voted s^{d} Report be Defer^{d} & Lodg^{d} as afores^{d}

Voted Guilford field be a Hogreave the present year.

[224] 1764 March 5th.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers March 5th. 1764.

Warrants The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers & Transacting the other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r}. chosen &c.

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs also a County Treasurer & a Register of Deeds for s^{d} County.

Secondly, To see if the Town will agree with the Leasees of the

Comon Lands & take said lands into their possession and Proceed to the sale of the same.

Thirdly To see if the Town will Mend the ways within s^d^ Town by a Tax the ensuing year.

Fourthly, To consider of & act upon some effectual method to Prevent the great difficulty which has many years past attended Fox Bridge (so called)

Fifthly, To see if the Town will approve what the Selectmen have done Respecting the Laying out ways within said Town.

Sixthly, To hear the Report of any Com^ttees^ or choose any Com-^ttees^ that may be necessary.

Moderator. Being assembled as aforesaid, Capt Eben^r^ Thayer Jr was chosen Mod^r^.

Cler & Treasurer. Then Elisha Niles was Nominated & chosen Clerk & also Treasurer.

Constable. Voted, to proceed to the choice of Constables, which votes being Collected it appeared Benj^a^. Savel, James Thayer & Benj^a^. Spear Jr were chosen.

Voted, s^d^ Savel be excused that service he paying into the Town's Treasury Two Pounds ten shillings.

Voted, s^d^ Spear be excused this present year.

excused. Then Oliver Gay was chosen & excused by Law, then Benj^a^. Baxter was chosen & excused for this present year. Then Joseph Field, was chosen & excused for this present year

Then David Linsfield was chosen.

Voted, James Thayer be allowed Forty shillings he serving in s^d^ office or providing a Man to the Towns acceptance. James Thayer Presenting Moses French jr to the Town to serve in the office of a Constable in his the s^d^ James stead.

Voted, That the s^d^ Moses be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the place or stead of the s^d^ James this Present year, Provided the s^d^ James Thayer Lodge a Bond with the Town Treasurer thereby oblidging himself to save the Town from Sustaining any damage by reason of any default of the s^d^ Moses in s^d^ office.

[225] Voted to have three Selectmen only the Present year.

Then M^r^. Jonathan Rawson, Captn. Ebenezer Thayer Jr & Mr Benjamin Porter, were chosen Selectmen.

Thompson Baxter was then chosen Constable.

Then the Mod^r^. with the Consent of the Meeting adjourned to Monday the 19th. Instant nine o'clock A.M.

1764 March 19th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 5th of March Currant &c.

Proceeded to the choice of Town officers by Nomination as follows (viz) Wardens. Benj^a^. Bass, Jon^a^ Baxter, Edmund Soper, Thomas Faxon, Eliphalet Sawen, Jonathan Bass.

Tything men. Samuel Bass Jr. Thomas Vinton L^t^. Joseph White.

Fence Viewers. William Adams, Moses Brackett, Thomas White, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, Nathl. Niles, Thomas Fenton, Jr.

Fire Wardens. Willm. Harmon, Elisha Adams, Moses French Jr.

Surveyors of Lumber. W^{m}. Field J^{r}. Jno Curtis Jr. Jno Clark, Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Joseph Field, Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves. Lt Saml White, Jno Clark, Lt Seth Turner.

Sealer of Shingles. John Curtis Jr.

Hog-reaves. Daniel Nash, Elijah Hayden, Jon^{a}. Bass 2^{d} Luke Lambert, Sam^{ll}. Hunt, Jno Bowditch, Sam^{ll} Woods, John Stetson, Deering Spear Jr.

Voted David Linsfield be allowed Forty shillings he serving in the office of a Constable.

David Linsfield Presented Ebenezer Spear to the Town to serve in the office of a Constable in the stead of s^{d} Linsfield & Voted, the s^{d} Eben^{r} Spear be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable, Provided the s^{d} Linsfield Lodge a Bond with the Town Treasurer, therein oblidging himself to Indemnifying the Town from suffering by the s^{d} Spears default in s^{d} office.

Voted, Thomas Fenton J^{r}, be allowed a draw back from the Selectmen Remitting to the s^{d} Fenton the whole of his Taxes, the last year (the Precinct excepted)

Voted, To Proceed to the article Respecting mending the ways by a Tax, after considerable debate thereon.

Repairing the Highways by a Tax. Voted, to mend the Highways within this Town the Present year, by a Tax. Voted, That a Com^{tee} be raised to take s^{d} affair under consideration & Report at the Meeting in May next, in what manner they judge it will be most expedient for the Town to proceed in that affair.

Then M^{r}. John Adams, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. & M^{r}. Joshua Hayward were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

[226] Surveyors of Highways. Edmund Billings, Thomas Vinton, Jon^{a}. Bass.

The Selectmen made their Report of a High Way laid out as follows (viz)

Braintree March 16th 1764.

Upon application made to the Select Men of this Town by sundry of the Inhabitants of the Town &c.

Way from the s^{d} meeting House to Middle swamp. We the subscribers have on the Day above mentioned laid out a way as followeth (viz) Beginning at the County Road (so called) opposite against the South Meeting House as the way is fenced out between Sam^{ll} French^{s} & Baruck Jordans Lands to the descent of a Hill against the Easterly corner of said Jordan's land and thence one Rod & half wide as the way is improved by s^{d} French^{s} House and so along by John Kings House till it comes to the North Easterly corner of Thomas French's field by a small brook thence straight a little south of a bend in the way as it is now improved till it comes to Lieut Joshua Haywards land, thence through said Haywards & ens^{n} Joseph Wales^{s} land as the way is

now fenced & improved over dirty Bridge to Joseph Wales^{s}, J^{r} House and thence crossing a corner of s^{d} Wales^{s} pasture on the east side of a White oak tree Blaz^{d}, thence on the east side of a Black oak tree Blaz^{d}. to Ephraim Thayer Jr^{s}. fence thence by s^{d} fence along by his House on the Easterly side of it thence on the Easterly side of a small Pine tree, Blaz^{d}, thence on the east side of a large pine stump with stones upon it, thence straight the same course to the line between Nathl. French's & Capt. Peter Thayers Land thence turning Easterly upon s^{d} Line bearing an equal part upon each of their lands untill it comes to the way now improved thence on the west side of a white oak tree Blaz^{d}. thence as the way is improved on the East side of a Rock in a corner of Zachens Thayers fence thence by the West of another Rock at the Southwest Corner of s^{d} fence, thence on the east side of a black oak tree Blaz^{d}. also on the east of a small white oak saplin Blaz^{d}. and thence as the way is now improved through William Linsfield's land & over a causeway that crosses middle swamp to Jonathan Thayers land.

Benj^{a} Porter }
Eben^{r}. Thayer jr } Selectmen.

1764 March 19th.

The above Report being read before the Town was voted accepted & approved.

Com^{tee} for Settling the Treasury. The Com^{tee} appointed by the Town in August Last to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer made their Report thereon which Report was voted accepted and the Ball^{ce} with the outstanding Debts carried into the Treasurers Book See Vol 2^{d} foll^{o} 105 & 106.

[227] 1764, May 21st.

Representative. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town being legally assembled by a Precept directed to the Selectmen for the choice of a Representative made choice of Capt^{r} Ebenezer Thayer J^{r} to serve for & Represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court the year ensuing.

1764 May 21st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct, of s^{d} Town on Legall warning for the Transacting the affairs of s^{d} Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz), after a Mod^{r}. chosen.

First, To hear the Report of the Com^{tee} appointed by the Town to consider respecting mending the ways within s^{d} Town by a Tax and act, thereon as the Town think proper, & to choose Surveyors of Highways, or any other Town officers they may be necessary.

Secondly, To consider & act upon a Memorial to be presented to the Town by a Com^{tee} appointed by & Impowered for that purpose in the name & Behalf of the North Precinct in s^{d} Town.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will sell the Privilege of taking alewives within s^d^ Town.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will impower the Comittee that made sale of the South Comons to Receive back the Deed made to Dea^n^. Allen & make a Deed of s^d^ Land, to others & alter the security given to the Town, for the purchase of s^d^ Lands.

Fifthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Com^tees^ that may be necessary.

Mod^r^. Being assembled as aforesaid, The Town made choice of Mr Wm Penniman Mod^r^.

The Committee Respecting the ways offer^d^. their Report to the Town as follows, (viz) The Committee appointed to consider of some Plan for Repairing the Highways having taken the same into consideration Report as follows, (viz)

That there be a Tax laid on Polls & Estates this present year for that purpose. That the Tax on Polls be two shillings p^r^ Poll and the same proportion on Estates according to the Last Town tax.

Com^tees^ Report Respecting the Reperation of Highways by a Tax — That the assessors be directed as soon as may be to assess, the Inhabitants accordingly and to deliver to the several surveyors a List of those Persons that are or may be assigned to their respective districts with the several sums each one shall be respectively assessed and that each Person so assessed shall have Liberty if he see cause, to pay the sum he is assessed in s^d^. List or Tax in Working on the Highway, at the Rate of Two shillings p^r^. Day for a Man Two Shillings Pr Day for a pair of oxen and eight pence Pr Day for a Cart, and Two Shillings Pr Day for a Horse & Horse Cart. And if any person or Persons shall refuse or neglect to work out his or their proportion at the Rates aforesaid on their being Legally notified by the Surveyor in that case the surveyor or Surveyors shall return a List of such Delinquent or Delinquents by the first of November next to the assessors with the sum due from each one Respectively which sum or sums of money remaining due on s^d^ Tax the assessors are directed when they make the next Town Rate to add to such delinquents Town Tax in a distinct collumn by it self and, to empower the several Constables in their Warrants to them to collect the same & pay it in to the Town Treasurer, Excepting as hereinafter expressed, (viz) That if it should be found unnecessary to expend the full of that Proportion on the ways in the North Precinct that one half of such Surplusage be returned to the Precinct Treasurer of that Precinct and for the use of that precinct and that the other half be returned to the Town Treasurer, [228] and, further, that all such sums of money as shall come in this way into the Town Treasury be appropriated to the Reporation of Highways in the Town and to no other purpose, and that each Surveyor be impowered to hire Persons at Customary Reasonable wages, to work on the Highways, to the amount of the sum to be worked out by his district which persons shall be paid by draught on the Town Treasurer.

all which is submitted.

Saml Niles
Joshua Hayward
John Adams

The above Report being Read was voted accepted and the Reporation of the Highways within s^{d} Town to be managed in conformity thereto the ensuing year.

Then Capt John Hayward, Mr William Penniman & Mr. Ephraim Thayer were seperately voted a Com^{ttee} to inspect the River & keep open a passage for fish the ensuing year.

Voted, The Com^{ttee} that was appointed & impowered by the Town to make sale of the South Commons be impowered in the name & Behalf of the Town to Receive back the Deed made to Dea^{n} Jon^{a} Allen, decs^{d}. of part of s^{d} comon Lands & to make & execute a good and authentic Deed or Deeds of the same Lands to others & likewise give up the s^{d} Allens obligation to the Town & take security for the same from others, Provided it appears it may be done with out any manifest Injury to the interest of the Town.

Then Capt John Hayward, & Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll} Bass were chosen Surveyors of Highways.

1764, Augst. 27th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct of s^{d} Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz)

After a Moderator chosen &c.

First, To bring in Valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To Raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the current year.

Thirdly, To hear the Report of any Committees or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary

Being assembled as aforesaid, Dea^{n}. James Penniman Mod^{r}.

The Mod^{r} call^{d} for valuations to be brot to the Selectmen.

Money raised. £120 — Voted, one hundred & twenty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town to defrey the contingent charges.

Then Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Dea^{n}. Sam^{ll}. Bass, & Lieut. Benj^{a} Hayden, were appointed a com^{tee} to settle accts with ye Town's Treasurer & Report.

[229] The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers March 4th. 1765.

March 4th. 1765.

Warrant The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote Town affairs, being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct of s^{d} Town for the choice of Town Officers and transacting other affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Mod^{r}. Chosen &c

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To see if the Town will repair the ways within s^{d}

Town in the manner they did the last year, with such amendments, as the Town may think proper.

Thirdly, To considering of Building or hiring a Work House and act thereon as the Town think proper.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will allow a Premium on Crows, Black birds & Squirrells for such a Term as the Town may think proper.

Fifthly, To consider off & act upon the affair of the Towns Commons as the Leases are nigh expiring, and at the expiration of s^d^ Leases to proceed to the sale of the same if the Town think proper.

Sixthly, To see if the Town will allow Capt Thomas Wales for a way made thro' his Land & meadow for the building a Bridge at Post Island.

Seventhly, To Hear the Report of any Com^tees^ or choose any Com^tees^ that may be necessary, also to direct in what manner to warn Town Meetings.

Mod^r^. Assembled as aforesaid chose Sam^ll^ Niles Esqr. Mod^r^.

Cler. & Treas^r^. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Clerk & also Treasurer.

Constables Then Joseph Field, John Ludden & Benj^a^ Thayer 2^d^. were seperately chosen Const^ls^.

Wardens. The act respecting Wardens being read Captn. Eben^r^. Adams, Mr. Robert Williams, Thomas White, James Thayer, Benj^a^. Porter & Lieut. Nath^ll^ Belcher, were chosen, said Porter excused & Lieu^t^ Joshua Hayward chosen.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of Selectmen.

Select men. Voted, That there shall be five Selectmen the Present year.

Then M^r^. Norton Quincy, Eben^r^. Miller Esqr. Capt. Eben^r^. Thayer Jr Dea^n^ James Penniman, & M^r^. Benj^a^ Porter were chosen.

A dispute arising respecting the Legality of Dea^n^. Penniman's choice, Voted, s^d^ choice be confirmed.

Tythingmen. Then proceeded to the choice of Town officers by nomination as follows, (viz) Tythingmen, Benj^a^. Bass, John Vinton, Joseph Wales Jr

Fence Viewers. Seth Spear Jon^a^. Bass, Luke Lambert, Richard Thayer, Isaac Spear, Eliphalet Sawen.

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blancher, Moses French Jr. William Harmon.

[230] Surveyors of Lumber. Benj^a^. Thayer, W^m^. Field Jr. John Clark & L^t^. Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Abijah Allen, Benj^a^ Cleverly Jr.

Cullers of Staves. Benj^a^. Thayer, Lt Joseph White, Lt Seth Turner.

Sealer of Shingles. Benj^a^. Thayer.

Hogreaves. Enoch Hayden Guilford Field, David Hayden, Abijah Hunt, Elijah Thayer, Benj^a^ Nash, Reuben Thayer David Sloan, Thomas Fenton 3^d^.

Surveyors of Highways. Josiah Capen, Benj^a^ Baxter, Mr. John Adams, Daniel Baxter, Caleb Hobart, Thomas Thayer,

Thomas Newcomb, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, Eliphalet Sawen, Jon^{a}. Bass, Isaac Spear, Sam^{ll}. Wales.

allowe^{d} Voted to repair the Ways, within s^{d} Town as the last year excepting as follows. Voted those that are excused their Poll Tax by the Selectmen be not allowed to work on the ways for their Estates otherwise than as they and the Surveyors agree.

Voted, Jonathan Hayward be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the stead of Benj^{a}. Thayer, Provided s^{d} Benj^{a} Thayer give Bond for the Towns security as usual Likewise Silas Wild was accepted to serve in the stead of John Ludden in the same manner.

Voted, Joseph Field be excused serving Constable he paying to the Town Three Pounds

Voted That the Constables that serve the Town or Provide a man to the Towns acceptance be allowed forty shillings each.

Fish Com^{tee}. Voted, That the Com^{tee} appointed last year to keep open a passage for the fish & remove obstructions in the rivers, be renewed & confirmed.

Voted, the meeting be adjourned to to morrow one o'clock P.M. at this place.

1765 March 5th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of s^{d} Town being assembled by adjournment from 4th. Instant.

Voted to Dismiss the 3^{d} & 4th. Articles in the warrants.

North Commons sold. Voted, That the North Commons (so called) be sold as soon as conveniently may be after expiration of the Leases of s^{d} Lands

Voted, To raise a Com^{tee} to Lay out s^{d} Comon Lands into proper Lotts for sale.

Committee. Voted, s^{d} Com^{tee} consist of three only. Then M^{r}. John Adams, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esq. & Mr Jonathan Bass, were seperately chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

Voted, That the Com^{tee} above named forthwith Proceed as the season will permit to Divide & Lay out the North Commons into Lotts suitable for sale taking care as far as possible, that there be sufficient springs of water in each, and that they make a new Plan of the same or make use of one that is now in the Possession of Deac^{n}. Penniman, and that the same Com^{tee}. take due Care to observe how far the Leasees of s^{d} Comons have or have not fulfill^{d} the conditions of their Lease and make Report of their doings at the adjournment of this meeting.

Then M^{r}. Robert Williams was excused serving as a Warden this year & M^{r}. Benj^{a} Bass Chosen.

Then M^{r}. Thomas Allen, was chosen Constable.

Voted, Mr Edmund Billings, Capt. John Hayward & Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. be a Com^{tee} to view the way at the Bridge against Post Island and Determine the damage and report to the Town

Voted, The Meeting be adjourned to the first Monday in April, next at one o'Clock P.M. at this place.

[231] 1765 April 1st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifyd to Vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the fifth of March last.

Voted, to allow the Constable that may be chosen in the North Precinct Forty shillings of the fine to be paid by Mr Allen, in addition to the general allowance of forty shillings Then Daniel Arnold was chosen Constable

Then Samuel Niles Esqr. Mr John Adams, & Mr. Jonathan Bass, were seperately Chosen a Comtee to settle with the Leasees, of the North Comons respecting their obligation to the Town and Provided sd Comtee & the Leasees do not agree then said Comtee & the Leasees, mutually to agree on Men from some other Town or towns to determine the same.

Voted The above sd Comtee inform themselves in the best manner they can Respecting stones carried off sd comon since the commencement of the last lease, and that they settle with such persons as have carried off stones on the same condition as sett in the first Lease.

The Report of the Towns Comtee which was omitted in its proper place as it preceeded the votes Respecting the comons is as follows (viz)

The Comtee who was directed to take a Plan & make Division of the North Comons (so called) at the Meeting of the Town in March last past having proceeded on that affair and have taken a Plan thereof excepting the following peices (viz) about Three acres taken off by the Road at the swamp called purgatory swamp, about four acres taken off by the Road or town way between Benja Savels & Joseph Crains, about one acre opposite to William Field's House part of which is fenced & improved by sd Field, about four acres near the Lane leading from sd commons, to Dean Joseph Neals, and about four four acres taken off by the Towns Way East of Capts Bridge so called, and have Divided sd Commons (the above mentioned peices excepted) in the manner described on the Plans herewith presented.

Concerning the fence the Comtee find rail fence in some places where by the Leases stone wall was to be built and in other parts the stone wall not according to the Leases, But that in general the wall is well built & stands well. The Comtee also find by the accts of Mr Elisha Niles Town Treasr that sd Leases have not acctd. or settled with him for any stones taken off sd comons since the expiration of the first Lease, all of which is submitted by.

Sam[l] Niles
John Adams } Comtee
Braintree, April 1st. 1765. Jonathan Bass

The above Report being read before the Town was Voted, accepted.

Voted the abovesaid Comtee Proceed as soon as conveniently may be to the sale of the sd North Commons the Lotts as exhibited on the Plan of sd Lands to be sold seperately at Public Vendue to the highest bidder.

Voted, The above said Com^{tee} have full power in the name & Behalf of the Town to make & execute good & authentic Deeds of said Lands to the Purchasers.

Voted, That said Com^{tee} take obligations of the Purchasers, of s^{d} Lands said obligations to be made to the Treasurer of said Town of Braintree or to his successors in s^{d} office for the use of the Town and that there be two sureties to the satisfaction of s^{d} Committee bound with each purchaser, except where cash is paid.

[232] 1765 April 1st.

Voted, That said Committee make sale of those peices of Common Lands that are not included in the Plan Exhibited to the Town, but Described in their Report to the Town.

Voted, That the aforesaid Com^{tee} before they proceed to the sale of said North Comon Land make provision for such Drift Ways thro' such parts of s^{d} Lands as may be necessary

Then voted the Meeting be adjourned to this Day four weeks, Two o'Clock Past Meridiem at this place.

1765 April 29th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the first of April currant, Voted, John Spear to be a Surveyor of Highways.

Voted, That any two of the Committee appointed to make sale of the North Common Lands be impowered to make & execute a Deed or Deeds of any part of s^{d}. Lands to the other that he may purchase.

adjourned. Then Voted, the Meeting be adjourned to the Day the Meeting may be appointed in may next at 12 o'clock at this place.

1765 May 20th.

Representative. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen for the choice of a Representative made choice of Capt Eben^{r} Thayer Junr. to serve for & represent them in the great & Gen^{ll} Court or assembly the year ensuing.

1765 May 20th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 29th. of April last.

The Selectmen Presented to Town a List for Jurymen which being Read before the Town was voted accepted.

The Com^{tee} appointed the fifth of March last to view the way over Post Island & Determine the damage, made their Report to the Town as follows — (viz)

Braintree, 22^{d}. April 1765.

The Com^{tee} appointed by this Town, to sett off & appraize a peice of Capt Thomas Wales^{s} Land at post island for a way over

the Bridge which goes from s^d Post island to Haugh's Neck met on the premises the day above s^d & staked off a peice of s^d land sufficient for s^d way being five Rods wide at the widest place, containing Thirty five Rods, and do Report that this Town Pay to Captn Thomas Wales Three Pounds Lawfull money & allow him to mow the grass growing on said Land yearly he giving The Town a good & legal conveyance of s^d land

℘ order of the Com^tee Eben Miller.

Voted, The above Report accepted. Capt. Thomas Wales being Present consented to the same. Then Elisha Niles Treasurer of s^d Town was desir^d. & directed to Pay Capt Wales the afores^d sum & take a Deed of s^d Land in the Name & Behalf of the Town

Voted, the Meeting be adjourned to the Day the meeting may be appointed in august next and after s^d meeting.

[233] 1765 Aug^st. 26

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town to Transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^r. chosen, &c

First, To bring in their valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town, the currant year.

Thirdly, To Hear the Report of any Com^tee or choose any Com^tee that may be necessary.

Being assembled as aforesaid Dea^n. James Penniman Mod^r.

The Com^tee appointed in august last for settling the Treasury made their Report to the Town on that affair which was voted accepted and stands Recorded in the Treasurers Book, vide follio 2^d. page 112.

Remittance of Debts. Voted, The Debts due to the Town from Coll William Hunt, Sam^ll Spear Jr John Hayden & John Saunders, as p^r 2^d aug^t exhibited be Remitted to them & s^d Notes given up by the Treasurer.

Money raised £120 — Voted, One hundred & Twenty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within s^d Town to defrey the charge the C^t. year.

Treasurer allow^d 40/ — Voted, That the Treasurer be allowed 40/ ℘ annum for two years service expired in march last.

1765 Aug. 26th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town being assembled by adjournment from the 20th. of May last past.

Voted, Mr. Isaac Spear one of the Surveyors of Highways be desired to employ Laborers on the way under presentment to the value of Ten pounds at the Rate Labour is sett by the Town, and that such persons as shall work on s^d way shall be Remitted for the same in the Next years Tax for the Highways.

Voted, Mr. Norton Quincy & Dea^n Penniman be desired to Lay before the Court an acct of the Provisions made Respecting Repairing s^d way & pray favour.

Then the meeting was adjourned to this day 5 weeks 3 oclock P.M. at this place —

Omitted, above. Voted That the Treasurer be directed to Renew the Province Treasurers Note of Twenty seven Pounds in his Hands or otherwise to draw the money & Place the same out at Interest for the use of the Town

1765 Septr 24th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town, Pursuant to Warrants for assembling s^{d} Town, To inform their Representative Respecting their sentiments Relative to the Stamp Act and other matters of Grievance. Also to see if the Town will instruct their Representative on this important & allarming occasion.

Assembled as aforesaid, Mr. Norton Quincy Mod^{r}.

Voted Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. John Adams Esqr. Mr Norton Quincy, Dea^{n}. James Penniman & Captn. John Hayward be a Com^{tee} to draw instructions for their Representative & present the same to the Town. The aforesaid Com^{tee} Presented the following draught To the Town.

To Ebenezer Thayer Esqr.

Stamp Duty impleaded. Sir/ In all the Calamities that have ever befallen this Country, we have never felt so great a Concern nor so many allarming apprehensions as at this time. Such is our Loyalty to the King, such our veneration for both Houses of Parliament, and such our Friendship to all our fellow subjects in Britain that measures which seem to discover any unkindness towards us in that Country are the more sensibly & intimately felt. And we can no longer forbear Complaining that many of the measures of the late ministry and some of the late Acts of Parliament have a Tendency in our apprehension to divest us of some of our most Essential Rights and Liberties. We shall confine ourselves however chiefly to the Act of Parliament commonly called the Stamp Act, by which a very burthensome and in our opinion unconstitutional Tax is to be laid upon us all, and we are subjected, to numerous & enormous Penalties which are to be prosecuted, sued for & recovered at the option of an Informer at a Court of Admiralty without a Jury. We have called this a burthensome Tax because the duties are so numerous & so high & the embarrassments to Business in this infant, sparcely settled Country so great that it would be totally impossible for the people to subsist under it even if we had no controversy att all about the Right & authority of imposing it considering the present scarcity of money. We have reason to think the execution of that act for a short space of time would dreign the Country of Cash, strip multitudes of the poorer people of all their property and Reduce them to absolute beggary. And what the consequence would be of so sudden a shock and such a convulsive change in the whole course of our business & Subsistance to the peace of the Province, We tremble to consider.

We further apprehend this Tax to be unconstitutional. By the great Charter no americament shall be assessed but by the oath of Honest & Lawfull men of the vicinage. And by the same Charter no Freeman shall be taken or imprisoned or be disseised of his Freehold or Liberties or Free Customs, nor passed upon nor condemned but by Lawfull Judgment of his Peers [235] or by the Law of the Land. And we have always understood it to be a grand & fundamental principal of the British Constitution that no Freeman should be subjected to any Tax to which he has not given his own consent in person or by proxy. And the maxims of the Law as we have constantly Rec[d] them are to the same effect. That no Freeman can be seperated from his property but by his own act or Fault. We take it clearly therefore to be inconsistent with the spirit of the Common Law & of the essential Fundamental principles of the British Constitution that we should be subjected to any Tax imposed by the British Parliament because we are not Represented in that assembly in any sense unless it be by a Fiction of Law as insensible in Theory as it would be Injurious in Fact if so heavy a Taxation should be grounded on it.

But the most Grevious of all is the allarming extension of the Powers of Court of Admiralty. In the Courts one Judge presides alone, no Juries have any concern there, the Law and the Fact are to be decided by the same single Judge, whose commission is only during pleasure and with whom as we are told the most mischievous of all customs has become establish[d] that of taking commissions on all Condemnations, so that he is under a pecuniary temptation always against the subject.

Now if the wisdom of the Mother Country has thought the Independence of the Judge so essential to an impartial Administration of Justice as to render them Independent of any power on Earth, Independent of the King the Lords the Commons & the People nay Independent in Hope & expectation of the Heir apparent by continuing their Commissions in case of a Demise of the Crown, What Justice & Impartiality are we at Three Thousand miles distance from the fountain to expect from such a Judge of Admiralty. We all along thought the Acts of Trade in this Respects a grievance, But the Stamp Act has erected a vast numbers of Sources of New Crimes which may be Committed by any man and cannot but be committed by multitudes and Prodigious Penalties are annex[d] and all these to be tryed by such a Judge of such a Court. What can be wanting after this but a weak or wicked Man for a Judge to Render us the most sordid & forlorn of Slaves. We mean the slaves of a slave of the Servant of a Minister of State.

We cannot help asserting therefore that this part of the Act will make an Essential Change in the Constitution of Juries with Regard to us is directly repugnant to Magna Charta itself and will make such a distinction & Create such a difference between Great Brittain & America as we could not have expected from the Guardian of Liberty in both.

As these sir are our sentiments of that Act we the Freeholders & other Inhabitants Legally assembled for that purpose must enjoin it upon you to comply with no measures or Proposals for Countenancing the same or assisting in the execution of it but by all Lawfull means consistent with our allegiance to the King and Relation to Great Britain to oppose the execution of it till We can hear the success of the Cries & Petitions of America for relief.

[236] We further Recommend the most Clear & explicit assertion and vindication of our Rights & Liberties to be entered on the Public Records that the world may know in the Present & all future Generations, that we have a clear knowledge and a just sense of those Rights & Liberties and that with submission to devine Providence, we never can be slaves.

Nor can We think it advisable to agree to any steps for the Protection of Stamp Papers or Stamp offices, good & wholesome Laws we have already for the Preservation of the Public peace

And we apprehend there is no further danger of Tumults & disorders to which we have a well grounded aversion, and that any extraordinary and expensive exertions would tend to exasperate the People and endanger the Public tranquility rather than the contrary

Indeed we cannot too often Inculcate upon you our desires that all extraordinary & expensive Grants & Measures may upon all occasions as much as possible be avoided.

The Public money of this Country is the Toil & Labour of the people who are under many uncommon difficulties & Distresses at this time so that all reasonable Frugality ought to be observed.

And we would Recommend Particularly the strictest care and Firmness to prevent all unconstitutional Draughts upon the Public Treasury. And we cannot avoid saying that if a particular enquiry into the state of that Treasury should at the first leasure opportunity be promoted and an exact state of it published to the People it would have a very good & useful tendency

All which is Humbly submitted by the Com^{tee} of the Town of Braintree to draw Instructions to their Representative.

Saml Niles
John Adams,
Norton Quincy. } Com^{tee}
James Penniman
John Hayward,

The above Report being read before the Town was voted accepted & order^{d} a Copy of the same be Transmitted to their Representative.

[237] 1765 Septr. 30th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 26th. of August last &c.

Com^{tee} for Sale of the North Comons their Report. The Com^{tee} appointed by the Town for the sale of the North comons offer^{d}. their Report to the Town & therewith exhibited a Number of

Bonds payable to the Treasurer of s^d^ Town being the produce of the sale of said Commons together with the account of their expenses. The Report as follows (viz) We the subscribers the committee, appointed to make sale of the North commons, beg leave to report that we have attended that service and sold the whole of s^d^ comons, except as is hereafter excepted, according to our Commission, and taken Bonds of the Purchasers for the consideration of their Deeds. A List of which Bonds as also an account of our services & expenses in taking the Plans of said commons and in selling the same giving the Deeds, and taking the Bonds is herewith exhibited and likewise a list of the Promisory Notes still remaining in our hands which, were given as earnest by those Persons who bid off Lotts in said commons but have refused to take Deeds.

We ask leave further to report that we have given Notice to the late Leasees of said North commons to meet us in order to an accommodation of the controversies between the Town & the said Lessees respecting the Fences & the Stones but we have not been able to accomplish such a settlement, one exception we are obliged to make in the List of Deeds & Bonds (viz) that to Luke Lambert which we have not been able to accomplish neither Bond nor Deed being executed according to expectation

John Adams.
Sam^ll^ Niles.
Jonathan Bass.

The above Report was voted accepted and the accts. Bonds & Promisory Notes was Lodg^d^ with the Treasurer of said Town

The amount of the whole of said Bonds, was

Afores^d^. Comm^ttee^. directed relating to the Leases. Then Voted, The aforesaid Committee be directed and impowered to call on the late Leasees of said Comons to settle their obligations Respecting the fences also to give an acc^t^. of and secure the Town for stones carried off said Lands during the three last years of their lease, and those that neglect or refuse to settle with said Com^tee^ within six weeks next ensuing said Committee to Prosecute & sue for the same in the Name & Behalf of the Town.

[238] 1766 March 3^d^

Anno Dom. 1766. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers March 3^d^ 1766.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting-House in the middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers and the transacting other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants, are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator chosen &c. &c.

First To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer and a Register of Deeds, for said County.

Secondly, To make Provision for Leasing out the Towns Lands,

as the Present Leases are nigh expired also to see if the Town, will remitt to the Purchasers of the North commons the Interest on their Bonds for one year.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will repair the Highways within said Town in the same manner it was done the two last years.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will allow the Surveyors that serv^{d}. for the year 1764, a Reward for their extraordinary service.

Fifthly, To consider off and resolve upon some effectual means for a passage for the fish call^{d} alewives up monotaquot River (so call^{d})

Sixthly, To see if the Town will discontinue the way from the Towns way leading to the Town Landing so called along by Mr. Benoni Spears to the Brook.

Seventhly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{tee} or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid, chose Saml Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Elisha Niles chosen clerk & also Treasurer for the Town.

Constables. chosen M^{r}. Joseph Cleverly, Ens^{n}. Thomas Thayer & Benj^{a} Spear Jr

Wardens. M^{r}. Robert Williams, Jon^{a}. Bass 2^{d}. Balch Cowen, John Vinton, Capt Peter Thayer, Ens^{n} Jon^{a} Wild.

Ens^{n}. Thomas Thayer Presenting to the Town Stephen Penniman to serve in the office of a Constable in his the said Thayers stead.

Voted the s^{d} Stephen Penniman be accepted to serve the town in the office of a Constable the ensuing year, Provided said Thos. Thayer Lodge a Bond with the Towns Treasurer for the Towns security as has been usual.

[239] Selectmen chosen M^{r}. Norton Quincy, John Adams Esqr. Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. Mr Benj^{a} Porter.

Then the following officers were chosen by nomination (viz)

Tithingmen. Peter Adams, William Bowditch, Lt. Seth Turner.

Fence Viewers. Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Oliver Gay, Caleb Hobart Jr Abijah Allen, Joseph Wales Jr. Elijah French

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blancher, Moses French Jr W^{m}. Harmon.

Surveyors of Lumber. W^{m}. Field Jr. Benj^{a} Thayer, John Clark Lt Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Abijah Allen, Benj^{a} Cleverly Jr.

Cullers of Staves. Benj^{a} Thayer, Lt Joseph White, L^{t}. Seth Turner.

Sealer of Shingles. Benjamin Thayer.

Hogreaves. Joseph Nightingale J^{r}. Benj^{a} Baxter, Christopher Thayer Jr. Thomas Vinton Jr. Edward Cheesman, Naphtali Thayer, Hezekiah Thayer Jr. Isaac Smith.

Surveyors of Highways. Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Benj^{a} Bass, Daniel Arnold, Josiah Vesey, William White, Silas Wild, Elisha Niles, Thos. Newcomb, James Thayer, Jon^{a} Thayer, John Stetson, Ephraim Thayer 2^{d}. Elihu Adams, Hez^{h}. Thayer Jr. Moses Spear.

Voted, The Highways within said Town be Repaired the ensuing

year by a Tax laid on the Inhabitants & Freeholders in the same Proportion as the last years.

Seperately, Voted, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr & Cap^{tn}. Thomas Wales, a Committee to Lease out the Towns Land and to give and take security in the name & Behalf of the Town, said Com^{tee} to Determine Respecting planting s^{d} Land the next term.

The affair Respecting the Fish refer^{d}. to the adjournment of this meeting.

The motion of Discontinuing the Way in the sixth article negatived, as was also the motion of the North Comon Purchasers for a Remittance under the second Article.

Votes, for a County Register were Collected & Delivered to Daniel Arnold Cons^{le}.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to monday the Seventeenth Ins^{t}. three o'clock P.M. at this place.

[240] 1766 March 17th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled by adjournment from 3^{d}. of March Instant.

Voted, M^{r}. Joseph Cleverly be excused serving constable he paying into the Town Treasury three Pounds Lawfull money

Then James Brackett Jr. was chosen Constable.

Voted, said James Brackett be allowed out of the Town Treasury, four Pounds, L.M. Provided he serve the Town in the office of a Constable, Benj^{a} Spear J^{r}. Presenting Eliphalet Sawin to the Town to serve in the office of Constable in the s^{d} Benj^{a}. stead.

Voted, The s^{d} Eliphalet Sawin be accepted to serve as Constable Provided the s^{d} Spear give Bond for the Towns security, also

Voted, the s^{d} Benj^{a} Spear be allowed forty shillings L. M.

Oliver Gay Excus^{d} serving as fence Viewer, Elijah Belcher, Tompson Baxter, chosen.

Voted, That no owner of any Mill or Damn across or upon Monotaquot or Moor's Farm Rivers (so called) nor any other person upon any pretence whatsoever shall draw up or shut down any Gate or make any ware or any obstruction whatsoever that may obstruct the Passage of the fish call^{d} Alewives, up said Rivers or any Branch^{s}. of s^{d} rivers for the space of thirty days to begin from & after the last Day of April the ensuing year without Leave of the Com^{tee} of the Town appointed for that purpose upon the Penalty of Twenty shillings for each & every such offence to be sued for & Recover^{d}. in any Court proper to try the same or before any Justice of the peace in the County of Suffolk, one Moiety of s^{d} Penalty to be to the use of the Town, one fourth part thereof to the use of the Town's Com^{tee}. who are hereby authorised, to sue for and recover the same and the other fourth part to the informer.

Also, Voted, That no person be permitted to fish for alewives in any part of said Rivers within the said Term of Thirty Days, excepting on Tuesdays & frydays, and every Person or Persons presuming to fish on any other days for every such offence shall

forfeit & pay Twenty shillings to be sued for as aforesaid and appropriated as aforesaid.

Also, Voted, The above votes Respecting the fish be Presented to the Court of Gen^{ll} Sessions of the Peace for their approbation & confirmation for the year ensuing as a bye Law according to the Law of this Province in such cases made & Provided.

Then Captn John Hayward, Mr Jon^{a}. Thayer, & M^{r}. John French were seperately nominated & Chosen a Committee to prevent obstructions to the fish, in the rivers as aforesaid as also to pursue & prosecute the Towns Resolves respecting s^{d} affair.

[241] The Town Treasurer offer^{d}. a Report to the Town Respecting a Province Note which has been Lodg^{d}. in the Treasury as follows.

March 17th. 1766.

Agreeable to the Towns order in august last, I then Return^{d} a Province Note that I was charg^{d}. with as Town Treasurer, into the Province Treasury and received the principal sum Twenty seven Pounds which I have placed out at Interest for the Towns use and have a Bond for the same from Lieut. Joseph Hayward, Ens^{n} Jon^{a}. Wild & Mr. Isaac Niles the interest of said Note one Pound eighteen shillings & five pence, I Rec^{d}. and Improv^{d}. for the Discharge of the Towns Debts and have Credited the Town for the same.

Elisha Niles, Town Treasur^{er}.

The above Report was voted accepted.

Then the Town appointed Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. & M^{r}. Azariah Faxon, a Com^{tee} to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer

The Selectmen offer^{d}. a Report to the Town Respecting ways laid out as follows (viz)

Braintree Feb^{ry}. 28th. 1766.

We the subscribers Selectmen of the Town of Braintree being requested, by sundry of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town on the Day above s^{d} went & viewed a way lately obtained by a Number of the Inhabitants of this Town of Samuel Belcher on the southerly side of the westerly part of his Home place next M^{r}. Sawens Land of which way they have a Deed of s^{d} Mr Belcher of one Rod & half wide they desire it may be a Town way to help them mend s^{d} way their being no other charge arising therefrom, which motion we look upon reasonable and recommend to the Town for their acceptance.

We also Proceeded and laid out a way two Rods wide through Jonathan Thayers Land from Captn Moses Curtis^{s} Land that was formerly Daniel Thayer's to the Patten Line, so called to Bridgwater Line, Running as the way is now improved from Captn Curtis Land Southerly until we come near a Brook where is a Large white oak stump with stones upon it we laid from thence to a white oak tree, from thence to a Black oak tree, from thence to a White oak tree, from thence to second White oak tree, from thence to a third white oak tree from thence to a fourth White oak tree and from thence to a Black oak tree in said Patten Line, all which trees are mark^{d}. The way to be on the West side of s^{d} Bounds the

s^d^ Jonathan Thayer consenting and assisting in laying out s^d^ way there being but little alteration, only to make it straight from what hath been long improved.

James Penniman
Eben^r^. Miller
Eben^r^. Thayer Jr
Norton Quincy.

The above Report was Voted accepted.

[242] 1766 May 19th.

Representative. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^. to vote in the choice of a Representative, being assembled, (Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen) made choice of Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. to serve for & represent them in the Great & Gener^l^ Court or assembly the year ensuing.

1766 Aug. 27th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct of s^d^ Town for Transacting the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in the warrants as follows, (viz) After a Mod^r^. Chosen &c.

First, To Bring in valuations to the Selectmen.

Secondly, To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Thirdly, To direct their Treasurer Respecting the Bonds from the Purchasers of the commons in his hands. Also To direct s^d^ Treasurer respecting receiving & placing out such money as may be paid on s^d^ Bonds either in whole or part as the Town may think proper.

Fourthly, To appoint some Persons to give Captn Moses Curtis, a New Deed of the Land he Purchased of the Town as the old is consumed by fire.

Fifthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^tees^ or choose any committees.

Being assembled as aforesaid choose Dea^n^. Penniman Mod^r^.

The Valuations were called for by the Mod^r^.

Money Raised £80 — Voted, That Eighty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town for defreying the charge of s^d^ Town the cur^t^. year

Voted, That our Treasurer be desired to receive the interest due to the Town by Bond annually and if neglected by the Debtor to prosecute s^d^ Bond or Bonds at his discretion. Also if any person decease in any Bond or any person be thought deficient by the Treasurer for the Debtor to procure such other Bond man or men as the Treasurer may look upon sufficient from time to time, or if neglected, to prosecute for the Debt & when Rec^d^. to let it to others for security as above s^d^.

Treasurer directed. Voted, That the Treas^r^. be directed to bring such alterations of the Towns Securities as he shall make, annually at the March meeting and offer the same to the Town for their acceptance.

Voted, The Town Treas^{r}. be desired and directed to give C^{t} Moses Curtis, in the name & Behalf of the Town a Deed of the Land referr^{d}. to above provided it appear the former deed is consum^{d} with special reference to s^{d} former Deed.

[243] A Committee of the Towns offer^{d}. their Report as follows (viz)

The Committee appointed to endeavour a settlement with the late Leasees of the North Commons having made Several ineffectual attempts therefor finally came into the method originally propos^{d} in the Lease (viz) to leave the determination thereof to five of the Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree whose advice is within exprest, Pursuant to which the following acct^{s}. have been exhibited for the stones carried of s^{d} commons

From Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr.	£6–11–0
L^{t}. Benj^{a} Hayden	1– 5–5
Mr. James Faxon,	2–13–9
	£10–10–3

Braintree Augst. 27, 1766.

Saml. Niles ℘ order.

Dispute with the Lessees of the North Comon settled.

Then the advice refer^{d}. to above was offer^{d}. as follows.

Braintree 25th. November 1765.

By an instrument Dated the 21st. of October last past. We the subscribers were chosen arbitrators by a Committee in Behalf of the Town of Braintree on one part and the late Leasees of the North Commons in said Town on the other Part, and we having met, hear^{d}. & maturely considered what has been advanced by both parties, and having some doubt upon our minds whether we are fully authorized to determine in equity between the said parties and at the same time being very desirous to do our utmost to settle the controversies between the said parties and promote peace in s^{d} Town, Do hereby offer our advice as follows, that is to say, We advise the said Com^{tee} to settle with the s^{d} Leasees for the stones taken from s^{d} common upon their rendering acct^{s} upon oath agreable to their covenants respecting s^{d} stones in the Lease for said common without any consideration for the fences, Provided the said Committee or the major part of them do in their own Judgment think (as we do) that this advice is equitable and we advise the Leasees to settle with the said Com^{tee} if s^{d} Com^{tee} consent) upon the above Terms, and further in case the above Parties do settle agreably to our advice (then and only in that case) we agree to charge nothing for our own trouble in this arbitration the said Committee in behalf of the Town, paying the other charge of this arbitration

J. Palmer.
Seth Copeland
Benj^{a} Beal
Joseph White
Samuel White

The above Report & advice was voted accepted

[244] 1766 augst. 27th.

The Town being assembled tho't Proper to enter into the

consideration of the compensation recommended by act of Parliament to the sufferers by the late riots, nothing being refer^{d} thereto in the Warrants Notwithstanding, and after considerable debate thereon &c

Voted, Their Clerk be desired & directed to inform their Representative in the Name & behalf of the Town that they desire att all times to bear their testimony against such unlawful & abusive practices, but as they were in no wise accessary to the mischief committed they do not judge they can be justly charged with the Damages and desire he would conduct in that affair accordingly.

1766 Decr 1st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the Transacting some affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Mod^{r}. Chosen &c.

First, To Renewedly instruct their Representative respecting a Compensation to the sufferers by the late Riots as they may think proper on hearing a Bill now pending in the House of Representatives with other things relative to that affair.

Secondly, To see if the Town will Petition the Gen^{ll} Court respecting a fine of Ten Pounds impos^{d} on the Town by the Justices of the Sup^{r}. Court in August last for not keeping their roads in repair.

Thirdly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{tees} or choose any Committees.

Assembled as aforesaid Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Compensation Granted. After reading the propos^{d} Bill now pending in the House of Representatives, together with a letter from Mr Secretary Conway & two letters from the Agent of the Province relative to the compensation &c. The Question was propos^{d} by the Mod^{r}. whether the Town would now direct their Representative at the access of the Gen^{ll}. Court to vote that s^{d} Bill be carried into an act; Voted, & pass^{d} in the affirmative

A Petition Respecting the fine of £10 — Then a Petition prepar^{d} Respecting the fine was read before the Town and Voted, that Ebenez^{r} Thayer Esqr. be desired to present s^{d} Petition to the Gen^{ll} Court for our relief.

[245] 1767 March 2^{d}.

Anno Dom. 1767. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c March 2^{d} 1767

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town Officers & Transacting other affairs the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz) After a Mod^{r}. Chosen.

First, To Choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law requires, Also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To direct in what manner the Town will repair their High Ways the Present year.

Thirdly, To consider off and Act upon some method for the more effectual securing the Towns Money.

Fourthly To consider the Requests of any of the Inhabitants of the Town respecting High Ways and act thereon.

Fifthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^{tees} or Choose Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Moderator Clerk & Treasurer Assembled as aforesaid, choose Saml. Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was chosen Clerk, and also Treasurer for the year ensuing.

Constables Then proceeding to the choice of Constables, Benj^{a}. Baxter, Benj^{a}. Veasey, & Seth Mann were seperately chosen to that office.

Voted, Seth Mann be excused serving as Constable this Present year.

Wardens. Then the Law Respecting the Wardens was read before the Town. Wardens chosen, Ebenezer Adams Jr. James Thayer, Mathew Pratt, Edmund Billings Jon^{a}. Thayer Benj^{a} Porter.

Constables allowed. Voted, Benj^{a} Baxter be allowed Three Pounds out of the Town's Treasury, Provided he serve the Town in office of a Constable

Voted. Benj^{a}. Veasey be allowed forty shillings on the afores^{d}. conditions. Then s^{d} Benj^{a}. Veasey presenting to the Town John Vinton to serve in the office of a Constable in his the said Veasey^{s} stead. Voted said John Vinton be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable the present year Provided the s^{d} Veasey give Bond for the Town security as usual.

Then Joseph Wales J^{r} was chosen Constable.

Voted, Joseph Wales Jr. be allowed Forty shillings he serving in s^{d} office

Voted, There be five Selectmen chosen in the usual manner Chosen, M^{r}. Norton Quincy Dea^{n}. James Penniman, M^{r}. John Adams, Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Bass.

[246] Voted, The Selectmen be desired & directed to Lay a Tax on the Polls & Estates within said Town for the Repairing their Highways the Present year and that every single Poll be laid at one day & half and the Estates in the same Proportion Conforming to the Rule s^{d} Tax was made by last year.

Voted, the Meeting be adjourned to Thursday 5th. Instant one o'clock P.M. at this place.

1767 March 5th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 2^{d} of March Instant &c

Voted, Mr Mathew Pratt be excused Serving as Warden this

year. Then Mr Joseph White was chosen into s^{d} office in his stead.

Then the following officers were chosen by Nomination.

Tythingmen. Dea^{n}. Jonathan Webb, Sam^{ll} Holbrook, John Stetson.

Fence Viewers. Ebenezer Miller Esqr. Moses French Jr. Nathl. Niles James Brackett Jr. Thos. Newcomb, Joseph Belcher.

Fire Wardens. Thos Faxon, 2^{d}. James Faxon, Nath^{ll}. Hunt.

Surveyors of Lumber. W^{m}. Field J^{r}. John Curtis Jr. Benj^{a} Thayer, Nathl Belcher, L^{t}. Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Benj^{a} Cleverly Jr. Abijah Allen.

Cullers of Staves. L^{t}. Nathl Belcher L^{t}. Seth Turner, Benj^{a}. Thayer, John Curtis Jr.

Sealer of Shingles. John Curtis Junr. Benjamin Thayer.

Hog-reaves. Jonathan Baxter 2^{d}. Daniel Nightengale, Jon^{a}. Green, Josiah Hunt, Sam^{ll}. Newcomb, John Hollis Jr. Paul Clark, Jacob, Pain.

Surveyors of Highways. Eben^{r}. Miller, Esqr. Peter Boylstone Adams Edmund Billings, Moses Adams, Seth Spear, Elisha Niles Thos. Newcomb, Mica^{h} Wild, John Vinton, Caleb Hobart J^{r}. Thomas White, L^{t}. Seth Turner, L^{t}. Nath^{ll} Belcher, Joseph Spear.

Voted, That the Town Treasurer, produce Bondsmen for the Towns security Respecting the Bonds in his Hands to the satisfaction of the Selectmen.

Voted, That Stephen Penniman be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the Room & stead of John Vinton and upon the same condition

[247] Treasurers Report Respecting the Towns securites Then the Town Treasurer offer^{d} a Report to the Town Respecting some New Securities he had obtained (viz) Pursuant to the Towns direction I have called upon Mr Nath^{ll}. Wales & Ens^{n}. Thos^{s}. Thayer to Produce a sufficient Bondsman to the Town in the stead of L^{t}. Sam^{ll}. White decs^{d}. and they accordingly procured Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. who stands bound with them to the Town in each of their Bonds. M^{r}. Peter Clark has Procured M^{r}. Benj^{a}. Veasy & his Bro^{r} John Clark to be bound with him to the Town in the stead of M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Whitmarsh dec^{d} & Lt William Whitmarsh and I have Rec^{d} their Bonds payable to the Town in the same manner as the former Bonds.

Braintree March 5th. 1767. Elisha Niles Town Treas^{r}.

The above Report was voted accepted.

£3–0–0–per annum to Treas^{r} Voted, That Elisha Niles Town Treas^{r} be allowed three Pounds ꝑ annum for his service for two years last past.

1767, May 18th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in the choice of a Representative also those Qualify^{d}. to vote in town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town for the Trans-

acting the affairs of s^d^ Town the whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) First, To Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in the Great & Gen^ll^. Court or assembly of this Province the year ensuing Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen of s^d^ Town under the Hand & Seal of the sheriff of ye County of Suffolk.

Secondly, After a Moderator chosen, To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the ensuing year.

Thirdly, To hear and act upon the Request of any of the members of s^d^ Town respecting Highways.

Fourthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^ttees^ or choose any Com^tees^ that may be necessary.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. was chosen to Represent them in the Great & Gen^ll^. Court the year ensuing.

Mod^r^. Then Dea^n^. Penniman was chosen Mod^r^.

Money raised £80 — Voted, That Eighty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within s^d^ Town to defrey the charge the year ensuing.

Committee for Fish. Then Captn John Hayward was chosen & appointed to take care that a suitable passage be kept open thro' the Damms for the fish called alewives to pass thro' in their season of running

Then Eben^r^. Miller Esqr. Dea^n^ James Penniman & Captn John Hayward were appointed a Com^tee^ to settle accts with the Town Treasurer.

[248] Anno Dom 1768. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c March 7th. 1768.

1768 March 7th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^ by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers and the transacting affairs said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz)

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law requires, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To consider and agree upon some effectual Method to promote, occonomy, Industry & Manufactures thereby to prevent the unnecessary importation of European commodities which threaten the country with poverty and Ruin.

Thirdly, To direct respecting the repairing their Highways

Fourthly, To consider & act upon a Report of the Selectmen respecting ways propos^d^ to be laid out (viz) a way from M^r^. Sam^ll^. Nash's to Weymouth Line, also a way from the Run below Mr. Thos. French^s^ to M^r^. Hobart Clark^s^ House, and thence to the County Road nigh Mr James Thayer's shop.

Fifthly, To hear the Report of any Com^ttees^ or choose any Com^ttees^ that may be necessary.

Mod^r^. Assembled as aforesaid Dea^n^. Joseph Palmer, Mod^r^.

Cler & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Cler also Treasurer.

Constables. The votes being called for Cons^{le} Daniel Baxter, Jonathan Hayward & Seth Man were chosen. Seth Man was voted excused for this year. Then Nathaniel Pain was chosen, s^{d} Pain & also Daniel Baxter were excused from serving this year Then Ebenezer Adams Jr & Nath^{ll}. Belcher was chosen, s^{d} Adams being excused for this year Jon^{a} Bass was chosen and also excused for this year. Then John Hall Junr was chosen. Voted, That the Town allow the Constable in the North Precincts Four Pounds and the Constables in the other Precincts Forty shillings each for their service this present year.

Then Jon^{a} Hayward Presenting Thos. Newcomb to serve in the office of a Constable in his the s^{d} Jon^{a}. stead.

Voted, That Thomas Newcomb be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the place & stead of s^{d} Jonathan Hayward.

Provided, the said Hayward give Bond to secure the Town in case of any default of s^{d} Newcomb in said office to the Towns damage.

[249] The act respecting Wardens being read before the Town, The following Persons were chosen to serve in that office the ensuing year (viz) Seth Baxter, Nathaniel Belcher, Abijah Allen, Caleb Hobart Jr. Noah Whitcomb, & Seth Porter.

Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen to serve as Selectmen for the Town the ensuing year, (viz.) Mr. Norton Quincy, Ebenezer Miller Esqr. Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. & M^{r}. Jon^{a}. Bass.

Previvious to the choice of Selectmen John Adams Esqr. signify to the Town a desire to be excused from that office as incompatible with his other engagements &c.

Voted, The thanks of this Town be given to John Adams Esqr. for his services as Selectman in s^{d} Town for two years past.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of Town officers by Nomination and the following Persons were chosen to the Respective offices (viz) Tythingmen. Peter Adams, James Thayer, Seth Man.

Fence Viewers. John Hall Jr. Daniel Arnold, William White, Micah Wild, Nathaniel Niles, Deering Spear.

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blanchard, Moses French Jr. W^{m}. Harmon.

Surveyors of Lumber. Willm. Field J^{r}. Benj^{a} Thayer, John Curtis Jr. Jon^{a}. Randall, L^{t}. Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass Benj^{a} Cleverly.

Cullers of Staves. Benj^{a}. Thayer, L^{t}. Joseph White John Curtis Jr. L^{t}. Nath^{ll} Belcher Jr.

Sealers of Shingles. Benj^{a}. Thayer, John Curtis Jr.

Hogg reaves. Amos Stetson, Thomas Belcher, Silas Lovel, Peter Clark, Edward Cheesman, Ebenezer Pain, Benj^{a}. Dyer, Naphtali Thayer, Salter Soper, John Vinton.

Surveyors of Highways. Sam^{ll}. Bass Jr. Ebenezer Adams Jr.

Benj^{a}. Cleverly, Daniel Arnold, Josiah Veasey, Elisha Niles, Thomas Newcomb, Edmund Soper, Benj^{a} Hayden, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, David Linsfield, Nathl. Belcher Jr. Joshua Hayward Jr. Seth Man.

Highways repaired. Voted, That the Highways within this Town be Repaired the ensuing year by a Tax laid on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town agreable, to the Towns vote for that purpose A.D. 1766.

Committee on occconomy. Voted, That M^{r}. Robert Williams, Ebenezer Miller & Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. be a Com^{tee} to draught a vote and offer to the Town respecting occonomy, Industry &c.

Com^{tee} Report on Industry Occonomy &c. The Committee appointed Respecting occonomy, Industry &c offer^{d}. their Report to the Town as follows (viz)

Whereas the well being & happiness of civil community depend upon Industry, occonomy, and good moralls, and this Town taking into serious consideration the great decay of the Trade of the Province, the scarcity of Money, the heavy Debt contracted in the late war, which still remains on the People, and the great difficulties to which they are by these means reduced.

Therefore, voted that this Town will use their utmost endeavours and inforce their endeavours by example in suppressing, extravagance Idleness & vice, and promoting Industry, occonomy and good morals in this Town.

And in order to prevent the unnecessary exportation of money, of which this Province has of late been so much drained, it is further voted, that this Town will, by all prudent means discontinue the use of foreign Superfluities and encourage the Manufactures of this Province and particularly, those of this Town.

ꝑr. order of the Com^{tee} Robert Williams.

A true copy Elisha Niles Town Cler.

The above draught being read before the Town was Voted, accepted, and the above Resolves confirmed.

The Com^{tee} appointed in May last to settle accts. with the Town Treasurer offer^{d}. their Report thereon to the Town which was voted, accepted said Report with the outstanding Debts carried into the Treasurers Book vide foll 2^{d} page 130

Voted, The Town Treasurer be allowed three Pounds for his last years service.

Then James Thayer 2^{d}. Abijah Allen & Moses French J^{r}. were Seperately chosen a com^{tee} to take care off & keep open a passage for the fish and to prevent obstructions by damns or otherwise in their season of running.

1768 May 16th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative also those Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of a Representative and the transacting other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as

follows (viz) First to Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll} Court or assembly, the year ensuing, Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen of s^{d} Town under the Hand & Seal of the Sheriff of the County.

Secondly, After a Moderator chosen &c. To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year

Thirdly To see if the Town will order a peice of Land to be disposed off for the benefit of said Town a Deed of which has lately been Rec^{d}. from Benj^{a} owen in behalf of s^{d} Town.

Fourthly, To hear the Report of any Committees, or choose any Com^{tees}. that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid, The Question was put by the Selectmen whether the Town would send one Person only to represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court the year ensuing, Voted & passed in the affirmative. Pursuant thereto Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. was chosen for that service.

Mod^{r}. Then Dea^{n}. Joseph Palmer was chosen Moderator.

Money raised £80 — Voted, That Eighty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable estates within s^{d} Town to defrey the charge of the Town the current year

Benj^{a} Owens Land to be sold. Voted, That Elisha Niles be desired and impowered to make sale of the Land above mentioned for the benefit of the Town and to make a Deed of the same in behalf of the Town

Committee to settle with the Treasurer also to examine the Selectmens accts & Report. Voted, That a Com^{tee} be raised to settle accts. with the Town Treasurer, also to examine the selectmens accts and report to the Town thereon. Then Dea^{n}. Joseph Palmer, Capt. John Hayward & L^{t}. Joshua Hayward, were chosen a Committee for those purposes.

Com^{tee} to Lett out Half Moon for Gunning. Then Mr. Norton Quincy, Capt. John Hayward & Thomas Newcomb, were chosen a Com^{tee} to Lett & Lease out Half moon (so called) for Gunning for the benefit of the Town.

[252] 1768 Sept. 26st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the Transacting affairs of importance, The Particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r}. chosen.

To attend to the Proceedings of the Town of Boston, transmitted to the Selectmen of this Town and act thereon as the Town shall think proper. Particularly to see if the Town will choose one or more persons as a Committee to join the Com^{tees} of the other Towns in this Province in convention to consult & advise such measures as his Majesty's service & the peace & safety of the subjects in this Provence may require.

Assembled as aforesaid Saml. Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Then the Proceedings of the Town of Boston were read before the Meeting &c.

Committee of Convention. Voted, To choose two Persons as a Com^{tee} to join the Com^{tees} in convention, Then Josiah Quincy, & Ebenezer Thayer Esq^{rs}. were chosen for that purpose.

Committee of Convention

Voted, To instruct the s^{d} Committee respecting their conduct in that affair. Instructions being prepar^{d} for that purpose was read before the Town and Voted accepted order^{d} that said Committee conform thereto.

Said instructions are as follows, (viz)

Gentlemen.

You are sensible that the subject of our most serious consideration this Day has been the distressed circumstances of the continent in General & of this Province in particular, especially under their present allarming apprehensions of a military Power which if not already arrived is daily expected, design^{d} (as we are informed) to enforce certain acts of the British Parliament by which our money is to be drawn from us without our consent attended with this mallancholly circumstance of Agravation, that in this dark & difficult season we are deprived of the Councills of a Generall assembly. You are also sensible that the result of our Deliberations thereon is to pursue the stepts pointed out to us and Put in Practice by our Brethren of the Town of Boston, in consequence of which you are chosen and appointed by this Town to act for them as a Committee of convention with such as may be sent to join with you from the several Towns in this Province in order to consult Determine upon and pursue unitedly such measures, as may be conducive to [253] his Majesty's service and the peace safety & welfare of his subjects in this Province, The Importance of the Trust reposed in you is as great perhaps as can be delegated by any civil society to any of its members, Than which you can have no greater Proof of their Confidence in your fidelity and dependence upon your inclination and endeavours to serve them to the utmost of your Ability

The measures now agreed upon is the last & perhaps the only safe resource of a Free People in their civil capacity and God forbid we should ever be reduced to the dreadfull necessity of acting in any other.

It is true our most Humble dutifull and truly Loyall suplications to his Majesty and his ministers for redress, of those grievances we already feel and for security against greater we have reason to fear have hitherto been ineffectual or rather attended with Effects that instead of diminishing have greatly increased them. However thanks to Almighty God such is the Strength of the British Constitution as secured to us by Magna charter, the Bill of Rights and the Act of Settlement at the revolution that it is not in the Power even of a British Parliament to deprive any one or any Number of his Majestys subjects of their unalienable Right of applying to him and his Parliament by Petition for Relief & Redress, of any public grievance which we apprehend ourselves labouring under and of which we are left to judge, of this inestimable Privilege then let us avail ourselves. And since in all probability one cause why our former Applications have been despised & neglected is that they

have been represented as the sentiments of a small part only and not of the People in general, It is therefore our earnest request & Desire you would exert your best endeavours that a Printed form of an Humble Dutifull & Loyall Petition to the King and Parliament may be prepared and sent to each Town in the Province to be by them considered and Determined upon by Positive and Negative votes and the number of each to be taken by an exact scrutiny. By this method if properly pursued his Majesty and his ministers as well as the Parliament and whole Nation will be able to Determine with certainty whether our petitions are or are not the weak efforts of an expiring faction.

[254] We have only to add our humble and ardent supplications that you may be so directed by infinite Wisdom in all your Councils and Decisions with your Brethren in Convention as that nothing may be said or done which even by Implication can fairly be construed into any Degree of undutifullness to his Majesty disrespectfull to his Parliament or inconsistant with that happy constitution of Government under which we live, and that whilst our Governors demand and expect our Allegiance which they have Indisputable Right to, we in Return may receive that Protection and Favour and be secured in the peaceable enjoyment of those Liberties & Priviledges which we have an equall Right to as naturall and free born subjects.

The foregoing is a true copy of the Towns Instructions to their committee for convention.

Day of Prayer. The Town having under their consideration the Distressing and Alarming circumstances they were now subjected to as also those impending: concluding it to be the Duty of a people professing Godliness to address the Supreme Governor of the universe in a social as well as in a more private manner, for the Removing the evils they feel as also the averting those they fear, Voted, the Selectmen be Desired and Directed to wait on the Ministers of the several congregations in this Town Requesting that they would keep Tuesday the fourth Day of October next as a Day of Humiliation & Prayer and that they notify their respective congregations thereof the next Sabbath.

N.B. The above request was complied with by all the Dissenting Ministers in the Town.

[255] Anno Dom 1769. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers, March 6th. 1769.

1769 March 6th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of sd Town for the choice of Town officers and Transacting other affairs of sd Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz)

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs.

Secondly, To direct respecting the repairing the Highways within said Town the year ensuing.

Thirdly, To Hear the Request of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town relative to a way thro' lands lately sold by the Town to William Harman and act thereon.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will remit to Enoch Hayden the Interest due on his bond to the Town for reasons to be offered.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will build a Work House and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Sixthly, To consider the request of any of the Inhabitants of the Town respecting ways and act thereon.

Seventhly, To see if the Town will sell or Lease out Half moon and Hangmans Island (so called) and act thereon if the Town shall think proper.

Eighthly, To Hear the Report of any Com^tees^ or choose any Com^tees^ that may be necessary.

Mod^r^. Assembled as aforesaid Dea^n^. Joseph Palmer Mod^r^.

Wardens. The Act Relating to the observation of the Lord's Day being Read, Messrs. William Adams, Joseph Bass, William Penniman, Moses French, Zebulon Thayer and Mathias Cheesman were separately chosen Wardens.

Constables. Then Ebenezer Adams, jun^r^ Thomas Newcomb & Seth Man were chosen Constables. Voted, said Eben^r^. Adams be excused serving this year. Then David Bass, was chosen. Voted, that David Bass be excused serving this year. Then Josiah Vesey was chosen.

Voted, That Thomas Newcomb and Seth Man be allowed forty shillings each, they performing the office of Constables the ensuing year.

Clerk & Treas^r^. Elisha Niles was chosen Clerk next after the choice of the Mod^r^. but omitted in its proper place, also the said Elisha Niles was chosen Treasurer for the year ensuing.

[256] Selectmen. Then the following Gentlemen were chosen Selectmen Mr. Norton Quincy, Ebenezer Miller Esqr. Dea^n^. James Penniman, Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. & Mr Jonathan Bass.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of Town officers by way of nomination and the following persons were chosen to the respective offices as follows, (viz)

Tythingmen. Benj^a^ Bass, Lemuel Dwelly & Seth Turner.

Fence Viewers. Eben^r^. Adams Junr. Christopher Thayer Junr. Jacob Payn Jon^a^ Bass, Uriah Thayer, David Linsfield

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blanchard, Moses French, William Harman.

Surveyors of Lumber. William Field jr Benj^a^. Thayer, John Curtis Jr Jon^a^. Randall, Seth Turner.

Sealers of Leather. Jedidiah Bass, Benjamin Cleverly Jr.

Cullers of Staves. L^t^. Joseph White, Benj^a^ Thayer, John Curtis Junr. Nath^ll^. Belcher j^r^.

Sealers of Shingles. Benj^a^ Thayer, John Curtis Junr.

Hogg Reaves. Eben^r^. Penniman 2^d^. Amos Stetson 2^d^. Edmund

Soper Joshua Blanchard, James Ludden, Jonathan Randall, Moses Littlefield & Jessee Thayer.

Surveyors of Highways. Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Peter Boylstone Adams, James Clark, John Hall Jr. Daniel Baxter Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Lieut. David Holbrook, Thomas Newcomb, Nath^{ll}. French, Silas Wild, William White, Ens^{n}. John Hollis, James Faxon, L^{t}. Joseph White, Richard Spear, Elijah French, Noah Thayer, Isaac Spear.

Highways repaired Voted, To repair the High Ways within s^{d} Town in the same manner they were the last year.

Com^{tee} respecting the way thro' Harm^{n}. Voted, That Dea^{n}. James Penniman, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. and Capt. Benj^{a}. Beal be a Com^{tee} to Consider the affair respecting the way thro' Wm Harman's Land and also thro' James Brackett Junr.'s Land, and endeavour an accomodation.

Surveyor directed to mend Coll^{o} Quincey^{s} lane. Voted, That the Surveyor that shall have the care of the Towns way leading to Squantum, be directed to mend the lane from s^{d} way to Co^{llo}. Josiah Quinceys Dwelling House.

Com^{tee} on the way To Ferry Point. Voted, That Dea^{n}. Joseph Palmer, Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. & Thompson Baxter be and hereby are directed to remove the obstructions in the way leading from the Town Landing place so called to ferry point according as they shall upon enquiry find themselves impowered by Law so to do.

Com^{tee} respecting Half moon Isl^{d}. Voted, That a Com^{tee} be appointed & directed to take a Quit claim of M^{r}. Norton Quincy of the Island called Half moon lying adjoining to his farm and to lease the same if upon inquiry they shall find a legal foundation to act thereon in the Name & Behalf of the Town

Then Capt. John Hayward, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. & Thomas Newcomb were seperately chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

Voted, The afores^{d}. Com^{tee} let out s^{d} Isl^{d}. for one year only.

[257] Anno Dom$^{'i}$ 1769

Com^{tees} Report respecting the Treasury. The Com^{tee} appointed to settle acct^{s} with the Town Treasure^{r}. offer^{d}. their Report thereon which Report was accepted, and stands recorded on the Treasurers Book, vide Vol. 2^{d} folio 134.

The aforesaid Committee offer^{d}. another Report to the Town (viz)

Braintree March 1st. 1769.

Com^{tees} Report on the Selectmens accompts. The Com^{tee} appointed to examine the Selectmen's accompts have attended that service & Report to the Town That by a carefull examination of said acct^{s}. so far as we had time & opportunity we did not find any error.

Joseph Palmer } Com^{tee}
John Hayward }

The above Report was voted accepted.

Com^{tee} to settle the Treasury & examine the Selectmens acct^{s}. Then Dea^{n} Joseph Palmer, Lieut. Joshua Hayward & Capt. John

Hayward were chosen a Com^{tee} to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer and examine the Selectmens accompts.

Voted, the Selectmen be directed to Deliver in their acct^{s} to the Town Treasurer, fourteen Days at least before the next March meeting

Com^{tee} on Fish Voted, The Com^{tee} appointed last March for the preventing the obstructions of the Fish in their season of running, be continued.

Treasurer allowed £3–0–0 Voted, the Town Treasurer, be allowed Three Pounds for his last years service.

Adjourned Then then the Meeting was adjourned to the third Monday in May next, at two o'clock P.M. to this Place.

1769, May 15th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs, also those Qualify^{d} to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of a Representative and the Transacting the other affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz)

First, To Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in the Great and Gen^{ll}. Court or assembly the year ensuing &c. Also after a Moderator chosen, &c. To raise money to Defrey the charge of the Town the current year and to hear the Report of any Com^{tees} or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid. Then Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. was chosen to Represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court or assembly the year ensuing.

Dea^{n}. James Penniman Mod^{r}.

Committee. Voted, That Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. M^{r}. Robert Williams, Capt. John Hayward, Mr. Jon^{o} Rawson, Mr Edmund Billings & M^{r}. Jon^{o} Bass, be a Com^{tee} to prepare Instructions for their Representative, and lay the same before the Town

[258] The Com^{tee}. to Prepare Instructions for their Representative offer^{d} their Report to the Town which was voted accepted & ordered to be transmitted to their Representative for his direction

Voted, that Eighty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable estates within said Town the Present year.

1769 May 15

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the sixth of March last.

Constables allowed. Mr Seth Man appeared and urged the necessity of a greater allowance for his service as Constable than usual as there is a great probability of the Taxes being augmented. Voted, that in such case the Town will make said Man such further allowance as may be reasonable, and in case there should be no Province Tax the year ensuing, s^{d} Man to Relinquish the forty shillings already allow^{d}.

Constables allowed. Voted, That Josiah Vesey who was chosen Constable in March last be allow^{d}. Four Pounds. Then Voted, that Daniel Arnold be accepted to serve in the office of a Constable in the place & stead of the s^{d} Josiah Vesey, said Vesey giving in Bond to indemnify the Town as usual.

Way thro' Mr. Eben^{r}. Copelands. Voted, That the Select Men be desired to take care of and effect in the best manner they can the Town engagement the 16th. of May A.D. 1763, Respecting the erecting a stone Wall fence on one side the way laid thro' Mr. Ebenenezer Copelands Land, Provided others make the wall on the other side as Propos^{d}. Voted, that all the Inhabitants that are on s^{d} Way and so to Weymouth Line be excused their Tax on the Highways this Present year and be allow^{d} to work in lieu thereof on s^{d} wall. It is likewise engaged by the Proprietors of the Lands, on s^{d} way that in case the wall be effected thro' s^{d} Copelands land that the Way be laid open to Weymouth Line, according to the Report of the Select men accepted the aforesaid Sixteenth of May A.D. 1763.

Voted, That Enoch Hayden be remitted the interest due on his Bond to the Town for two years last past.

[259] 1770 March 5th.

Anno Dom^{i} 1770 The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers, March 5th. 1770.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town, for the choice of Town Officers and Transacting the other affairs of said town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows, (viz) After a Mod^{r}. Chosen &c.

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law requires, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To direct respecting the repairing the Highways within s^{d}. Town the ensuing year, also to consider the altering the Towns way thro' the Lands of M^{r}. Sam^{ll}. Bass Jr & act thereon.

Thirdly, To consider of Building a Work House and act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

Fourthly To see if the Town will remitt to M^{r}. Joseph Baxter a fine laid on him for the Town for rescuing a Horse from Mr Saml. Ruggles.

Fifthly, To hear the Reports of any Com^{tees} or choose any Com-^{tees} that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid Dea^{n}. Joseph Palmer Mod^{r}.

Cler & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Clerk & also Treasurer.

Wardens. The act relating to the observance of the Lords Day being read, Messrs. Jon^{a} Rawson, James Brackett Jr. Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. John Hayden, Isaac Spear & Simeon Thayer were chosen Wardens.

Constables. Then Ebenezer Adams, Hobart Clark & Jon^{a} Bass were seperately, chosen to serve as Constables.

Selectmen. Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen Selectmen (viz) M^{r}. Norton Quincy, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. Mr. Nathl Wales, & Mr. Jon^{a}. Bass.

Then the following Persons were seperately chosen to the respective offices hereafter named by way of nomination (viz)

Tythingmen. Moses Brackett Randell Wild, Seth Turner.

Fence Viewers. Moses Adams, Saml. Holbrook, David Linsfield, Joseph Baxter, Thomas White, Joseph White Junr.

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blancher, Moses French, William Harman.

Surveyors of Lumber. William Field Jr. Jonathan Thayer, Benj^{a}. Thayer John Curtis Junr. Thos. Vinton Junr. John Clark, Seth Turner.

Cullers of Staves. John Curtis Junr. Benj^{a}. Thayer, Lt Joseph White Lt Seth Turner, Lt Nathl. Belcher.

Sealers of Shingles. Benj^{a}. Thayer, John Curtis Junr.

Hogg Reaves. Amos Stetson, John Vinton 2^{d}. Seth French, Benj^{a}. White, Zebah Hayden, Hezekiah Thayer Junr. Ezekiel White, Matthias Cheesman. Voted, Hoggs have liberty to run at large. [260]

Voted, To repair the Highways as the last year.

Surveyors of Highways. Benj^{a}. Bass, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Elisha Glover Josiah Vesey, Sam^{ll} Bass 3^{d}, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Thos. Vinton Nathl. French, Capt John Hayward, Stephen Penniman Saml. Holbrook, Saml. Hunt, Jon^{a}. Randell, John Wales, Dea^{n}. Jon^{a}. Wild Nathl. Niles Daniel Spear.

Sealer of Weights & Measures. Capt. John Hayward.

Voted, Joseph Baxter be remitted the fine aforesaid.

The consideration of the Way thro' Mr. Bass, Land also the Work House ref^{d}. to the adjournment of this meeting.

Mr. Jon^{a} Bass Presented Jon^{a}. Hayward 2^{d}. to the Town to serve in the office of a Constable in his the Bass' stead. Voted, said Jonathan Hayward, be accepted to serve as Constable Provided s^{d} Bass, Lodge a Bond with the Town Treasurer to secure the Town from any damage that may accru by his default in said office.

Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the meeting shall be appointed in May next for the choice of Representative and to be opened immediately after the business of s^{d} meeting shall be over.

1770 May 25th.

Warrant The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in the choice of a Representative, also those that were Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town for the choice of a Representative (Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen of s^{d} Town under the Hand & seal of the Shiriff of the County of Suffolk) likewise for the Transacting other affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r}. chosen, &c To raise money to defrey the

charge of the Town the currant year. Likewise to hear the report of the Town Treasurer, Respecting alterations he has made on the Towns Speciallties and direct s^d^ Treasurer or a Com^ttee^ that may be chosen as the Town shall think proper relative to that affair.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid, Eben^r^. Thayer Esqr. was chosen by the Town to Represent them in the Great & Genl. Court or assembly the ensuing year.

Mod^r^. Then Dea^n^. Joseph Palmer was chosen Mod^r^.

Protest against meeting at Cambridge. Voted, Whereas the present precept directing us to choose one or more Representatives requires our sending such person or persons to Cambridge, But the Law positively directs that the Gen^ll^. Court shall meet at the Town House in Boston, We do protest against said requirement for the Gen^ll^. Court to meet at Cambridge, as illegall and an infringement of our Rights & Priviledge, and that our compliance with the Precept aforesaid is through necessity and shall not hereafter be drawn into precedent.

[261] Money raised £80. — Voted, that Eighty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & rateable estates within s^d^ Town to defrey the charges the current year.

The Treasurer directed Respecting W^m^. Hobarts Deed of The Towns Lands. Voted, That Elisha Niles Town Treasurer be directed & impowered in the name & behalf on the Town to make & execute a good & sufficient Deed to William Hobart of the Towns Land lately convey^d^ to John Curtis Jr. and take from s^d^ Hobart a mortgage Deed for the Towns Security.

Treasurers report. The Town Treasurers report omitted in its place as it preceeded the above vote is as follows viz.

Braintree May 21st. 1770.

Pursuant to the direction of the Town respecting their obligations committed to my trust I have necessarily made severall alterations which are as follows (viz)

W^m^. Whitmarsh Bond. Delivered up to Lt William Whitmarsh Bond £83= 4=10

Rec^d^. Mr. Norton Quincys Bonds with Dea^n^ Penniman & Mr. Jon^a^. Bass 53= 6= 8

Do s^d^ Whitmarsh Bond with Moses French & Robert Hayden, 29=18= 2

£83= 4=10

Moses Brackett Bond. Deliv^d^ up Moses Bracketts Bond for £107=18=4

Rec^d^ Uriah Thayer's Bond with Eben^r^ Copeland & Jon^a^. Thayer for s^d^ sum £107=18= 4

Elijah Belchers' Bond. Deliv^d^ up Elijah Belchers Bond, £18=6=8

Rec^d^. Dea^n^. Palmer's Note of Hand 18=6=8

John Curtis Junr. Bond cancelled Deliv^rd^. up John Curtis jun Bond, £41=18=8

Have Rec^{d}. the Deed of the Towns Land not executed have also dispos^{d}. said Land to William Hobart for the same sum with the Towns concurrence & direction.

The above is humbly offer^{d}. to the Town for their acceptance by their oblidged Hum^{e}. Servt Elisha Niles, To Treas^{r}.

The above report was voted accepted by the Town.

adjournment. Then the meeting was open^{d} by adjournment from the 5th. of March last.

Voted, the request of Mr Saml. Bass, Jr. respecting the way be dismiss^{d}. Do. Work House.

Constables allowed. Voted, Ebenezer Adams be allowed three Pounds as Const^{le}.

Voted, Hobart Clark be allowed Forty shillings Do.

Way to Ferry Point Voted, The Selectmen be desired to view the way leading to Ferry point and if they think advisable to Lay out the same and make report to the Town.

Fish Com^{tee}. Voted, Capt John Hayward, M^{r}. Caleb Hobart & Moses French be a Committee to prevent obstructions to the fish in their passage to & from the pond.

[262] Com^{tee} Report on the Treasury. The Com^{tee} appointed on March 6th. 1769 to settle accompts with the town Treasurer also to examine the Selectmens acct^{s} offer^{d}. their Report to the Town. The report respecting the Treasury was accepted & stands in the Treasurer's Book vide voll 11 Fol. 138.

Respecting the Selectmens acct^{s}. as follows, (viz)

Braintree, February 28th. 1770.

D^{o} on the Selectmens acct^{s}. The Committee appointed to examine the Selectmens accounts beg leave to report as follows, (viz) That we have examin^{d}. s^{d} accts, and they appear to us reasonable & that they have exerted themselves, for the Interest of the Town.

Yearly benefits. We also report That the yearly incomes of the Town appears to us to be nearly as follows, (viz.)

In Rents about	£35=6=8
Interest do.	121=3=
Assessm^{ts}.	80=
	£236=9=8

Annual expenses. And that the annual expenses of the Town e nearly as follows, viz.

For the Poor ab^{t}.	£90= 0=0
" Schools, ab^{t}.	110= 0=0
Selectmen's services	9= 0=0
To the Treas^{r}. Const^{e}. & sundry other expenses ab^{t}.	36=11=1½
	£245=11=1½

J. Palmer,
Joshua Howard, } Com^{tee}
John Hayward

The above Report was Voted accepted.

Treasurer allow^{d}. £3–0–0 Voted, The Treasurer be allowed three Pounds for his last years service.

Com^{tee} for settling the Treasury. Voted, Messrs. Edmund Billings, Edmund Soper, & Joseph Porter, be a Com^{tee}. to settle accompts with the Town Treasurer.

The Town Com^{tee} offer^{d}. their report.

We the subscribers being appointed by this Town a com^{tee} to consider the affair respecting the way through Wm Harmon^{s} Land and also through James Brackett Junr. Land Have attended that service and are of the opinion that the Town have nothing to do in that case.

But that those that have occasion to pass thro' s^{d} Land, must agree with s^{d} Harman & Brackett for themselves except the Town choose to purchase to ways, which will be attended with considerable cost.

James Penniman, }
Eben^{r}. Miller, } Com^{tee}
Braintree, May 21st. 1770. Benj^{a}. Beal, }

The above report was voted accepted.

[263] 1770 Octr. 22^{d}.

The Freeholder & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precinct of s^{d} Town Pursuant to warrants for that purpose. After a Moderator chosen &c.

The Towns transaction relative to an assessment committee to Benj^{a} Baxter to Collect & pay to the Province Treasurer. To receive the report of the Selectmen relative to an assessment committee to Benj^{a} Baxter late Constable to collect & pay to the Province Treasurer, and to direct the Selectmen or a Committee for that purpose in that affair, as they shall think proper.

Assembled as aforesaid Deac^{n}. Joseph Palmer Mod^{r}.

The Selectmen having offer^{d} their report to the Town relative to the assessment abovesaid &c

Voted, The Selectmen be desired to inspect that affair and that they be vested with a Discretionary power to act in that affair and secure any part of s^{d} Baxters estate (that they may judge safe) for the Town.

1771, March 4th.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c March 4th. 1771.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being Legally assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town, for the choice of Town officers & the transacting other affairs of s^{d} Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz)

After a Moderator Chosen &c.

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Register & Treas^{r}.

Secondly, To consider of a request of a Number of the Inhabitants of s^{d} Town relative to opening the Way from Mr Borlands Corner to Milton & Dorchester Lines thro' the Farms (so called) and act thereon, also to consider & act upon any thing relative to ways that may be laid before s^{d} meeting.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will Petition the Genl. Court that the Petit Jurors may be paid in the same manner the Grand Jurors are, or raise the fees.

Fourthly, To consider & act upon a request of Saml. Niles Esqr. a surveyor of Ways respecting laying a Bridge.

Fifthly, To consider of and act upon a request of Enoch Hayden respecting interest money due from him to the Town to see if the Town will remit the same for reasons to be offer^{d}.

Sixthly, To Hear the report of any Com^{tees} or choose any com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Mod^{r}. Assembled as aforesaid Capt John Hayward Mod^{r}.

Cler. & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was seperately chosen Clerk & Treasurer.

Wardens. The Act respecting the observation of the Lords Day being read the following Persons were chosen Wardens. Moses Adams Tompson Baxter, Saml. Holbrook, Stephen Penniman, Elihu Adams, Ebenzer Crane.

[264] Then Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}. William Penniman Junr. & Nehemiah French were chosen constables. Nehemiah French excusd & Nath^{ll} Payne chosen. William Penniman Jr. excus^{d}. & Edmund Soper chosen. Voted, That each Constable be allow^{d} forty shillings afterwards voted the s^{d} Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}. be allow^{d} three Pounds, Provided he serve in s^{d} office or procure a man to the Towns acceptance.

Then the following Gentlemen were chosen, Selectmen (viz) Mr Norton Quincy, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. Mr Nathl. Wales & Mr Jonathan Bass.

Then the following Persons were chosen into the respective offices, as follows, by way of nomination.

Tythingmen. Seth Bass, Robert Hayden Lt Nathl Belcher Jr.

Fence Viewers Jonathan Bass, Silas Wild, Isaac Spear, John Hall Junr. Samuel Curtis Jr. Joseph Wales.

Fire Wardens. Ephraim Blancher, Moses French, Willm. Harman

Surveyors of Lumber. William Field Jr Benj^{a}. Thayer, Willm Penniman 3^{d}. L^{t}. Nathl. Belcher & Lt Seth Turner.

Culler of Staves. Benj^{a} Thayer, John Curtis Junr. L^{t}. Seth Turner & L^{t}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher Junr.

Sealers of Shingles. Benj^{a} Thayer, John Curtis Junr.

Surveyors of Highways. Moses Brackett, Edmund Billings, Benj^{a}. Bass, Seth Spear Dea^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Saml. Niles Esqr. Stephen Penniman, Saml. Holbrook, Nehemiah Holbrook, Thomas Newcomb, Adam Hobart, Ambrose Salisbury, L^{t}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher, Simeon Thayer, Joshua French, Jonathan Wales, Sam^{ll}. Spear.

Hogg-reaves. Newton Baxter, Henry Field, Thomas Allen James Tower, John Thayer 2^{d}. Andrew Hunt Joseph Spear, Nathl Hunt.

Petition of Dorchester Inhabitants. A Petition of John Billings, William Glover, Eben^{r}. Glover, Josiah Glover, Ezra Glover, & Oliver Billings inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester, setting forth a resolution that they have come into to Petition the Gen^{ll}. Court that they & their estates may be sett of to Braintree Praying this Town in case they should be annexed to Braintree that they may in their own persons be excepted from serving in the office of Constable &c.

Voted, The above named Persons shall be exempted from serving in the office of a Constable, Provided they be annexed to Braintree as is above proposed

Votes, for a County Register & County Treasurer were brot. in sealed up & committed to Ebenezer Adams Constable to return.

adjourned Then the Mod^{r}. with the consent of the meeting adjourned to Tuesday the twelfth instant two o'clock P.M at this place.

[265] 1771 March 12th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 4th. instant, proceeded as follows, (viz)

Voted, That Adam Hobart be excused serving as Surveyor of Highways.

Surveyor of ways. Thomas Faxon & Isaac Niles were chosen Surveyors of Highways.

Deer reaves. Ephraim Hunt, & Seth Man.

Sealers of Leather. Benj^{a}. Cleverly Junr. & Abijah Allen.

Hogg-reaves. Adam Hunt, Enoch Hayden, Josiah Hunt, William Hobart, Noah, Hayward & Richard Spear.

Voted, That Hoggs run at large the year ensuing.

Voted, The Highways, within s^{d}. Town be repaired by a Tax as usual.

Way from Whites To Haywards accepted Voted, The way as has been fenced out & improv^{d}. from Lieut Joseph Whites to Lieut Joshua Haywards be accepted as a Towns way, Provided it be allowed exclusive of any charge to the Town.

Middle Precinct Constables. Voted, To Choose another Constable in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town. Then James Faxon was chosen Constable. also voted the two Constables in s^{d} middle Precinct be allowed forty shillings only.

Edmund Soper Presenting Thomas Newcomb to the Town to serve in the office of a constable in his stead voted s^{d} Newcomb be accepted Provided s^{d} Soper give Bond to the Treasurer as has been practised

Constables accepted. James Faxon presenting Stephen Penniman to the Towns acceptance as Constable Voted, s^{d} Penniman be accepted on condition as above.

S^{o} Prec^{t}. Collector. Voted, Lieut Joseph Hayward be a Collector to collect the assessments in the South Precinct for the year 1770, Provided Jonathan Bass, give Bond to the Treasurer for s^{d} Haywards faithfull discharge of s^{d} office

Com^{tee} on Mr Bass' Way. Voted, To raise a Committee to view the way thro' Mr Saml Bass^{s} Land, and that s^{d} Com^{tee} serve gratis s^{d} Com^{tee} to consist of seven. Then Elisha Niles, Capt. John Hayward Lt Benja Hayden, Mr Caleb Hobart, Edmund Soper, Ens^{n}. Thomas Thayer & Stephen Penniman, were seperately chosen a Com^{tee} to view s^{d} Way to hear the parties relative thereto and make report to the Town.

Inspector of ye River Then Mr. Thomas Vinton was appointed to inspect the river and to be under oath to complain of every breach of Law that may come under his cognizance relative to the fish, in s^{d} river.

Fish Committee. Then Capt. John Hayward, Edward Soper & Moses French were chosen a Com^{tee}. to prevent the obstructions to the Fish in their season of running to & from the ponds.

Petition Jurors fees. Voted, The Selectmen and Clerk of this Town be desired to prefer a Petition to the Gen^{ll}. Court at their next sessions that the Petit Jurors fees may be raised.

Enoch Hayden interest remitted. Voted to remit to Enoch Hayden the interest due on his Bond to the Town for two years past, also the interest that will become due the 30th. of April next.

Com^{tee} for settling accts. with Town Treas^{r}. Voted, to raise a Committee to settle accts. with the Town Treasurer Then Mr. James Clark, Mr. Azariah Faxon, & M^{r}. Joshua Hayward Junr. were seperately chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

The Com^{tee} for settling the Treasury their report choose for Do James Clark Azariah Faxon & Joshua Hayward Jr. The Committee for settling the Treasury offer^{d}. their report which was voted accepted and stands recorded in the Treasurers Book vide voll. 2, foll.

Then the meeting was adjourned to the day the meeting may be appointed in May next and to be after said meeting.

[266] 1771 May 20th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative, also those Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town Pursuant to warrant the particulars whereof are as follows (viz) To Elect or Depute one or more Persons to serve for and represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll} Court or assembly appointed to be conven^{d} held & kept for his Majesty^{s} service at Harvard College in Cambridge upon Wednesday the Twenty ninth Day Instant and so Die in Diem during their session or sessions. Then after a Mod^{r}. Chosen.

Warrants. First, To raise money to defrey the Charge of the Town the present year.

Secondly, To direct the Town Treasurer respecting some of the Town Specialties under his care.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will excuse the Dorchester Petition^{rs}. from serving in the office of Constable in case they should be sett off to Braintree.

Fourthly, To Hear the report of any Com^{tee} or choose any Com^{ttees} that may be necessary.

Representative Being assembled as aforesaid, Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. chosen to represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court or assembly the year ensuing. Then Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. was chosen Mod^{r}.

Money raised £100 — Voted, That one Hundred Pounds be assessed on the Polls and rateable estates within said Town to defrey the charge the current year.

Treasurer directed respecting Mr Wales & Mr. Bracketts Bonds to ye Town. Voted, The Treasurer be directed to discharge Twenty six Pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence of Mr. Nathl Wales^{s} Bond to the Town and releive Mr Moses French's Bond together with s^{d} Nathl. Wales & Benj^{a} Vesey for said sum payable to the Town.

Voted, The Treasurer be directed to discharge Mr James Brackett Junr. his Bond to the Town for Lands purchased, and receive a Bond payable to the Town from Moses Adams, Ebenezer Adams & Christopher Thayer Jr. of the same sum.

Dorchesters Petition Voted, The Dorchester Petitioners be excused serving as Constables Provided they be annext to Braintree agreable to the vote in March last.

adjournm^{t} The adjournment of the Town meeting from the Twelfth of March last was attended.

Voted, That Lt Nathl. Belcher Jr be excused serving as Tything man the present year and Mr. Mathew Pratt was chosen to s^{d} office.

[267] The Selectmen offer^{d} their report to the Town respecting a way laid out as follows (viz). We the subscribers being desired by some of the Inhabitants of this town to lay out a way from Mr Ephraim Thayers to Mr. Shadrack Thayers, we accordingly attended said business and are of opinion that it is necessary a way should be laid out as the Lane is fenced out between said Ephraim Thayers Land and the Land of Mr Eben^{r}. Clark as far as s^{d} lane goes, then from the Westerly corner of s^{d} Clark's Wall to a heap of stones near the line which divides said Clarks other Land from the Land belonging to the Heirs of Daniel Bass dece^{sd}. and to run on that Line till it comes to the Land of M^{r}. Shadrack Thayer said way to extend one rod & half south from s^{d} line. Then from s^{d} Division Line through the Land of s^{d} Shadrack Thayer running to the Southward of a walnut Tree Blaz^{d}. Then as the old cart way goes till it come to the Lands of Nathl. Thayer dec^{d}. said way to be one rod & half wide then through said Nathl Thayer's Heirs land as the old cart way goes till it comes to a Post in the corner of a Fence on the top of a Hill southward of the House where said Nathl. widow lives then as the fence runs till it comes to the s^{d} House one rod & half wide then as the lane now goes.

Braintree Feb^{ry}. 18th. 1771. Eben^{r}. Miller, Eben^{r}. Thayer Jr., Nathl. Wales } Selectmen.

The above Report being read before the Town was voted accepted Provided the Proprietors of the Lands thro which said way is laid out make no demand on the Town for the Land or fencing the same. also Voted, Elisha Niles be directed to pay out of the Towns Treasury Four Pounds to the Proprietors of said lands when and as soon as he shall obtain a Receipt from each & every Proprietor of the Lands thro which s^{d} way goes (in behalf of the Town) that they allow s^{d} way to lye open for the use of s^{d} Town, and that they make no further Demand on the Town for s^{d} way.

[268] Anno Dom^{i} 1772. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town officers, &c March 2^{d}. 1772.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in Town affairs, being legally assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town Officers and for the transacting the other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as Inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r}. chosen &c

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs

Secondly, To see if the Town will repair their Highways within s^{d} Town in the manner usual.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will sell their Lands now leased out and act thereon as they may think proper.

Fourthly, Whether the Town will appoint an oration or Lecture upon Government or some branch thereof especially upon the civil & religious rights & Priviledges of the people to be delivered in the morning of each and every annual may meeting Day and act thereon.

Fifthly, To direct their Treasurer respecting the alteration of any of the Towns Specialties in his hands.

Sixthly, To Hear the report of any committees or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Clerk & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was voted Clerk and also Treasurer.

Wardens The act respecting Wardens being read the following persons were chosen to that office (viz Wardens Saml. Bass 3^{d}. William Whitmarsh Nehemiah French, Peter Etter, Moses French, Joseph White.

Const^{le} Constables chosen, Edmund Billings, William Wild Junr. Dec^{n}. Jon^{a}. Wild.

Selectmen Then the following Gent^{n}. were chosen Selectmen viz. Mr Norton Quincy, Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. M^{r}. Nathl. Wales & Mr. Jon^{a} Bass.

Then the following Persons were chosen by way of nomination to the respective offices as follows, viz.

Assizers of Bread. Deac^{n}. Jon^{a} Webb, Bach Cowen, Seth Turner, John Vinton 2^{d}. David Holbrook, Nath^{ll} Belcher Junr. Peter Clark.

Tythingmen. James Clark, Randall Wild, Lt Joseph Hayward.

Surveyors of Lumber. Willm Field jun^{r}. Benj^{a} Thayer, William Penniman 3^{d} Lt Seth Turner, L^{t}. Nath^{ll} Belcher Junr.

Fence Viewers. Moses Brackett, Sam^{ll} Holbrook, Isaac Niles Josiah Vesey, Isaac Thayer, Wm Linsfield, 3^{d}.

Fire Wardens. Moses Adams, James Thayer, Richard Peirce, Jonathan Randall.

Cullers of Staves. Balch Cowen, Jacob Frieze, L^{t}. Seth Turner, L^{t}. Nathl. Belcher jun^{r}.

Sealers of Shingles. Thomas Vinton, Balch Cowen.

Sealers of Leather. Benj^{a}. Cleverly Junr. Abijah Allen.

[269] March 2^{d}. 1772.

Voted, To repair the Highways within s^{d}. Town in manner as usual.

Surveyors of Highways. Moses Brackett, Benj^{a} Cleverly, W^{m}. Field jun^{r}. James Clark, Daniel Baxter, James Thayer, Abijah Allen, W^{m}. Hayden, Abia Thayer, Ichabod Holbrook, Thos. Newcomb, Silas Wild, Caleb Hobart Junr. Nathl. Niles, Jon^{a} Bass, Micah White, Mathias Cheesman, Lemuel Wales, Deac^{n}. Jon^{a}. Wild, Wm Linsfield, 3^{d}.

Hoggreaves James Hayward, John Mills, Wm Hobart, Edward Faxon jun^{r}. Wm Allen, Ephraim Thayer 3^{d}. Philip Silvester, Edward Jones, James Niles, Silas Clark.

Voted, To allow W^{m}. Wild Junr. & Deac^{n} Jon^{a} Wild Forty shillings each for their service as Constables.

Constab^{l} Allowance Then the s^{d} William Wild jun^{r}. Presenting Hobart Clark to serve as constable in his stead. Voted said Hobart Clark be accepted to serve in the office of Const^{l} in the place & stead of the said William Wild Provided the s^{d} Wild give Bonds to indemnify the town &c.

The said Jon^{a}. Wild Presenting Lt Joseph Hayward to the town to serve in the office of const^{le} in his stead, voted s^{d} Joseph Hayward be accepted on condition as above.

The article respecting the sale of the Town's Land Voted, Dismiss^{d}.

Oration. Voted, an oration relative to the civil & religious rights & Priviledges of the People be Deliv^{d}. on the Day the annual meeting for the choice of a Representative shall be appointed in May next,

Voted, The Selectmen be desired to wait on John Adams Esqr. with the above vote and request his assistance therein, and in case of his refusal to engage some other Gentleman of the Town to assist in that affair.

Adjourned. Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the annual meeting shall be appointed in May next, and to succeed s^{d} meeting.

1772, May 18th.

Representative. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} by Law to vote in the choice of a Rep-

resentative also those Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being Assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town, Pursuant to warrants for the choice of a Representative, and also for raising money to Defrey the charge of the Town the currant year, Proceeded & made choice of Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. to represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court the year ensuing.

Then Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. was chosen Mod^{r}.

£100 — Money raised Voted, that one Hundred Pounds be assessed on the Polls & rateable estates within s^{d} town towards defrey^{g} the charge of the Town the currant year.

adjournm^{t}. Then the adjournment of the Meeting from the 2^{d} of March last came forward.

Com^{tees} for Treas^{y} Report. The Committee for settling acct^{s}. with the Town Treas^{r}. offer^{d} their Report to the Town which was voted accepted and stands recorded in s^{d}. Treasurers Book vide Folio 2^{d}. Page 146.

Treas^{r}. allow^{d}. £3–0–0 Voted, said Treasurer be allowed three Pounds ꝑ^{r} annum for the two years past.

Voted, Micah White Surveyor of Highways, Seth French Hoggreave.

Voted, The Selectmen be directed to make draughts on the several districts within said Town where they shall judge reasonable for necessary repair of the Towns way lying to the Northward of Blue Hill river.

Voted, The Selectmen of the North Precinct be desired to attend the Proprietors of the Pine Swamp, (so called) and allow their request as they shall judge proper in such manner as may be least prejudicial to the Town.

[270] Voted, Cap^{tn} John Hayward, Edmund Soper & Moses French be a Com^{tee} to remove the obstructions to the passing of the Fish and that s^{d} com^{tee} be directed to open what is called the middle passage near the Thayers Saw mill as it is represented the other passages that have been opened at s^{d} Mill prove ineffectual.

Voted, said Committee be desired to regulate the affair of the Fish in conformity to the Law, also, voted that no person be allow^{d} to fish at the falls where the fish pass, and that they be allow^{d} to fish at the mills on Mondays, Wednesdays & Frydays only.

Then Messrs. James Brackett jun^{r}. James Faxon, & Nathl. Belcher Junr. were appointed a Committee to settle acct^{s}. with the Town Treasurer.

The Selectmen offer^{d}. a Report to the Town of a Way laid out thro' the (Farm so called) as follows, (viz) The Selectmen of the Town of Braintree being requested by a number of the Inhabitants of said Town to lay out an open way from the country road near the House of John Borland Esqr. through the Farms (so called) to Dorchester & Milton lines, have attended that business & laid the same an open way one rod & half wide, beginning at Milton line near the Town yard of Messrs. William & Ebenezer Glover and so to Dorchester line near the House of the late M^{r}. John Glover, and where said way is not one Rodd & half wide, to be widened on the Northerly side of the way, and from the barrs where the

Proprietors of the saltmarsh cart through near the House of Mr. James Clark, twelve lengths of fence to the westward of said Barrs to be moved on a straight line, also twelve lengths of fence on the bend opposite to the House of Mr. Newton Baxter to be moved on sd Glovers on a straight Line, and from said Dorchester line to the fourth Post Northward of the westerly corner of Mr. Oliver Billings land and eight lengths of fence to the southward of said Post to be sett on a Streight line. The way to be widened westerly from the easterly fence as it now stands till it comes to the Land of Mr. Edmund Billings then on the east side till it comes to said Edmunds Barn then on the west side as far as said Edmunds land extends, then to extend an equal distance from the old cart way till it comes to the lane leading to the Dwelling House of Josiah Quincy Esqr. then to extend east & southeast from the westerly & Northerly fences till it comes to the country road near the House of John Borland Esqr. the Petitioners to pay all costs & Damages.

Braintree 27 April 1772. ℘ order Ebenr. Miller.

The above report being read before the Town was voted, accepted on the condition therein expressd.

N.B. said Petition is lodgd in the clerks office with the above report.

[271] 1773 March 1st.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers, March 1st. 1773.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifyd. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the choice of Town officers and the transacting the other affairs of said town the particulars whereof as inserted in the warrants are as follows, viz.

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs.

Secondly, To consider of a Letter communicated to the Selectmen from the Town of Boston, Setting forth the state of our present grievences and act thereon as the Town shall think proper

Thirdly, To direct in what manner the ways within said Town shall be repaired the ensuing year, also to hear & act on a request of any of the Inhabitants of said Town respecting ways.

Fourthly, To Hear & act on a request of Ebenezer Clark respecting a fine due to the Town

Fifthly, To Direct respecting the Towns Lands as the Leases are nigh expiring.

Sixthly, To receive the Treasurer's Report respecting the Towns Specialties and direct therein, also to raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Seventhly, To hear the report of any Comtee or choose any Comtees that may be necessary.

Modr. Assembled as aforesaid Samll. Niles Esqr. was chosen Modr.

Clerk & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was voted Clerk & also Treasurer

Com^{tee} relative to the Correspond^{e} Voted, The Pamphlet communicated to the Selectmen from the Town of Boston, be committed to a Comm^{tee} for that purpose for their consideration, and that they report thereon to the Town. Then Dea^{c}. Joseph Palmer Dea^{c}. James Penniman Capt Benj^{a} Beal, Dea^{c} Jon^{a}. Webb & Dea^{c}. Jon^{a} Wild were chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

Wardens. The act respecting Wardens being read the following Persons were chosen

viz Joseph Field, Richard Thayer Junr. Capt Thos. Penniman, Nath^{ll}. Glover, Adam Hobart, Nath^{ll}. Niles.

Constables allowance. Voted, That Forty shillings only shall be allow^{d} to each Constable that shall serve the Town the ensuing year.

Miller Esqr. his bounty to the Town. Then votes were brot in for Eben^{r}. Miller Esqr. who being present made a donation to the Town of ten Dollars which was gratefully accepted and voted, that the thanks of the Town be given him, for his aforesaid favour.

Constables chosen. Nathl. Niles accepted. Then Mr. Robert Williams Zachriah Marquand & Sam^{ll} Cheesman were chosen Constables. Then Sam^{ll}. Cheesman Presenting Nath^{ll}. Niles to serve the Town in said office in his place Voted, that the said Nath^{ll}. Niles be accepted to serve in the office of Constable the ensuing year, in the place and stead of the said Cheesman Provided said Cheesman give Bonds to the Town as usual in that case.

Three Selectmen only — Then Voted, That the Town will have three Selectmen only the ensuing year.

[272] Then Mr Norton Quincy, Dea^{c} James Penniman & M^{r}. Jonathan Bass, were chosen Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Then the Town proceeded to the choice of Town officers by way of Nomination as follows.

Assizors of Bread. James Apthorp, Thompson Baxter, William Penniman, Thos. White Joshua Hayward Junr. Lt Seth Turner, Lt Nathaniel Belcher Junr.

Tythingmen. Sam^{ll}. Bass, jun^{r}. L^{t}. Benj^{a} Hayden, Lt Seth Turner.

Surveyors of Lumber. W^{m}. Field, Junr. Balch Cowen, Lt Seth Turner, Lt. Nath^{ll}. Belcher Junr.

Fenceviewers. Joseph Baxter, Thomas Newcomb, Sam^{ll}. Jones, Seth Spear, William Penniman Junr. Joseph White Junr.

Fire Wardens. Moses Adams, James Thayer, Seth Man, jun^{r}.

Cullers of Staves. Balch Cowen, Benjamin Thayer jun^{r}. Lt Seth Turner, Lt Nathaniel Belcher jun^{r}.

Sealers of Shingles. Balch Cowen, Ambrose Salisbury.

Sealers of Leather. Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}. Benj^{a}. Ludden jun^{r}

Surveyors of Highways. L^{t}. Jon^{a} Rawson, James Brackett jun^{r}. Moses Brackett, Peter B. Adams, Capt. John Hayward Lt Jonathan Thayer, Lt David Holbroook, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, John Vinton Samuel Curtis jun^{r}. David Linsfield, Benj^{a} Stetson, Ephraim Thayer 2^{d}. Eliphalet Sawen, Capt. John White.

Hogreaves. Newton Baxter, Joseph Crane, Adam Hunt, James Faxon jun^{r}. Meshec Penniman, James Denton, Simeon Hayward, & Barnabas Clark.

County Treasurer. Votes, for a County Treasurer, sealed & committed to const^{l}.

The fine ref^{d} to in the fourth article remitted.

Voted, That a Committee be appointed to take under consideration the leasing out the Towns Land and make report to the Town at their adjournment in what manner the Towns interest may be secured & advantaged thereby. Then Mr Norton Quincy, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. Dea^{c} James Penniman, Mr. James Brackett jun^{r}. & Dea^{c} Jon^{a} Wild, were appointed a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

Moses Arnold made application to the Town that in consideration of the late wound he has rec^{d}. by the breaking of a Gun and thereby render^{d} useless, in one hand, that the town remit to him his Province, Town, & County Taxes, which were voted, remitted.

The Committee appointed to take under consideration the Pamphlet refer^{d}. to relating to our rights & priviledge &c made report to the Town as follows, (viz.)

1773 March 1st.

To the Town of Braintree in Town Meeting assembled

We your Committee have most seriously considered the matter committed to us this day & Report.

1st. That we apprehend the state of the rights of the colonists & of this Province in particular together with a list of the infringements & violations of those rights as stated in the Pamphlet committed to us are in general fairly represented, and that the Town of Boston be hereby thanked for this Instance of their extraordinary care of the public welfare.

2^{d}. That all Taxations by what name soever called, imposed upon us without our consent by any earthly power are unconstitutional, oppressive & tend to enslave us.

3^{d}. That as our Fathers left their native Country & Friends in order, that they and their Posterity might enjoy that civil & religious Liberty here which they could not enjoy there We their descendants are determined by the grace of God that our consciences shall [273] not accuse us with having acted unworthy such pious and venerable Heroes and that we will by all Lawfull ways and means preserve at all events all our civil and religious rights and priviledges.

4th. That by the divine constitution of things, there is such a connection between civil & religious Liberty that in whatever nation or government the one is crushed the other Seldom if ever survives long after, of this History furnishes abundant evidence.

5th. That all Civil officers are or ought to be Servants to the people & dependent upon them for their official support, and every instance to the contrary from the Governor downward tends to crush & destroy Civil liberty.

6th. That we bear true loyalty to our Lawfull King George the 3^{d}. and unfeigned affection to our Brethren in Great Brittain & Ireland and to all our Sister Colonies, and so long as our mother country

protects us in our Charter rights & privilidges so long will we by divine assistance exert our utmost to promote the welfare of the whole British Empire which we earnestly pray may flourish uninterruptedly in the paths of rightiousness, till time shall be no more.

7th. That Mr. Thayer our Representative be directed & he hereby is directed to use his utmost endeavours that a Day of Fasting and Prayer be appointed throughout the Province for humbling ourselves before God in this day of darkness and emploring divine direction & assistance.

8th. That an attested copy of the Towns proceedings in this matter be transmitted as soon as may be by the Town Clerk to the Boston Committee

All which is humbly submitted by the Towns Comtee & humble servts.

Braintree March 1st. 1773.

Joseph Palmer,
Benja Beale.
Jonathan Wild.

The foregoing report being read before the Town, was Voted accepted and also that the proposal of transmitting an attested copy of the Towns proceeding thereon to the Boston Comtee be complyd. with.

Then the meeting was adjourned to tuesday the sixteenth instant at one oclock P.M.

1773 March 16th.

The Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town being assembled by adjournment from the 1st. of March currant.

Mr Robt Williams excusd as Constle Voted, That Robert Williams be excused serving in the office of a Constable He paying into the Town Treasury forty shillings.

Consta. Than Zachariah Marquand was excusd as Conslc for this year.

Then Joseph Brackett was chosen Constl, then excused for this year.

Then Elisha Glover was chosen Constable, also Mr Azariah Faxon.

The said Azariah Faxon Presenting to the Town Hobart Clark to serve in sd office in his stead. Voted, said Hobart Clark, be accepted to serve in the office of a constable the present year, Provided sd Faxon give Bond for the Towns security as usual.

Comtees report for leasing the Town's Lands. The Comtee to consider of Leasing out the Town's Land offerd their report as follows, (viz) The Comtee to whom was referd the motion made by Deac Joseph Palmer, at the opening of this meeting on the first day of this inst March respecting Leasing out the Towns Land forever by Quit rent having met and duly [274] considered the proposed Plan, are mutually of the opinion that sd. Plan may at least prove disadvantagious to both Lessor & Lessee and therefore propose as our humble sentiments, That sd Towns Land be leased as formerly to the highest bidder not for a longer term than

fourteen years. That the Leasees Set up & maintain the half fence against the adjacent Proprietors. That the Leasees have liberty to take off their fence at the expiration of said Leases. That said Lands be excused from Taxes except Ministerial taxes. That the Com^{tee} that shall be chosen to Lease out said Land be directed to view them that they may be the better able to Determine when & how often said Lands may be tilled. That said Com^{tee} take proper caution concerning the security for the payment of the rents.

all which is humbly transmitted by Sam Niles
Norton Quincy
James Penniman
Jonathan Wild,
James Brackett jun^{r} } Com^{tee}

The above report being read before the Town was Voted accepted with an exception of the fourteen years propos^{d}.

Com^{ttee} for leasing The Town's Land. Voted, That the Town's Land be Leased out for the Term of seven years only. Then M^{r}. Norton Quincy, Saml Niles Esqr & Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. were appointed a com^{tee} for that purpose & to conform to foregoing report excepting as above.

Then Mathew Pratt jun^{r}. was chosen a Warden & Seth French a Hogreave.

Voted, That five Pounds be raised by assesm^{t} on the Polls &c. and that the Selectmen be Directed to take care that said sum be expended to the best advantage towards the repairing the Blue Hill road and that as soon as the season will properly admit

Voted, That Messrs Norton Quincy, James Penniman, Elisha Niles & Jon^{a} Bass be a committee to Petition the Gen^{ll} Court setting forth the circumstances of s^{d} Blue Hill road with the difficulties we labour under relative thereto, Praying we may have liberty to raise a Lottery and draw out such a sum as may be necessary for effecting such labour as may render said Road comfortable for travellers.

Then a Petition of a number of the inhabitants of s^{d} Town directed to the Selectmen, Relating to a way from M^{r}. James Thayers shop to the Brook nigh Capt Nathl Wales's was read before the Town & ordered That the Selectmen consider the requests in s^{d}. Petition that they treat with the Proprietors of the Lands thro which the way propos^{d} passes and act thereon if it doth not appear prejudicial to the interest of the Town, & make return of their doings thereon at the adjournm^{t} of this meeting.

Then the Committee for settling the Treasury made their report to the Town which stands recorded in the Treasurers Book, voll 2^{d}, foll 149.

Voted, M^{r}. Edmund Billings, M^{r}. Edmund Soper & Mr Nathl Belcher jun^{r}. be a com^{tee} to settle acct^{s} with the Town Treasur^{r}.

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to the Day the meeting shall be appointed in may next & to be after s^{d} meeting.

[275] 1773, May 17th.

Representative The Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled Pursuant to a Precept directed to the Selectmen for the choice of a Representative made choice of Collo Ebenezer Thayer to serve for & represent them in the Great & Genll Court the year ensuing.

1773 May 17th.

The Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the sixteenth of March, last proceeded as follows.

Way thro' Mr Vesey & others referd. Voted, The report of the way thro' Mr. Vesey's land & others be referd. to the Meeting in March next in order for the accommodation of difficulties relative thereto.

Voted, Nehemiah Hayden junr a Hogreave the present year.

Voted, Five pounds be raised in addition to the five pounds raised in march last for repairing the Blue Hill road.

Money raised £100–0–0 Voted, That one hundred and fifty pounds be raised to defrey the charges of the Town the currant year.

Fish Comtee Voted, That Capt. John Hayward, Mr. Edmd. Soper & Mr. Moses French be a Comtee to take care the passages in the Dam standing across Monatiquot & Moors farm rivers be opend in the season of the fish running to & from the ponds and that they direct when & how many days in each week sd fish may be taken.

Voted, The Selectmen are desired & directed carefully to examine into the dispute relating to the Bounds of the Precincts thro' the Blue Hill woods and ascertain & settle said Bounds and make report to the Town.

1774 January 10th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd to act in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of sd Town Pursuant to legall Warrants The Particulars whereof are as follows (viz.) after a Moderator chosen &c.

Publick affairs. To take into consideration the circumstances of our Publick affairs, (in which not only every Town but every individual is interested) and to consider in particular the affair of the East India Company, sending their Teas into America subject to a duty here for raising a revenue out of us against our consent, and to act thereon as they may think proper.

Also, to direct the Selectmen relative to the affair of Benjamin Baxter late Constl. and to choose any Comtees that may be necessary — Assembled as aforesaid Deacn. Josh. Palmer was chosen Modr.

Voted, To raise a Comtee of Fifteen five out of each Precinct to consider our publick affairs & report to said Meeting. Then Collo Josiah Quincy Deacn Josh Palmer, Mr. Norton Quincy, Capt.

Benj^{a} Beal, M^{r}. Edmund Billings, Elisha Niles, Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. M^{r}. William Penniman, Mr Edmund Soper, Capt. Nathl. Wales, Mr. Jonathan Bass, M^{r}. Isaac Spear, Mr. Josiah Thayer, Mr. Mathew Pratt & Capt Peter Thayer were separately chosen a comm^{tee} for the purpose.

[276] 1774 Jany 10th.

Public affairs. Then Saml. Niles Esqr. Mr. James Clark & Mr. James Thayer 2^{d}. were appointed a Com^{tee} to consider the affair relating to Benj^{a} Baxter & report to the Town. Then the Meeting was adjourned for one hour in order for s^{d} com^{tee} to prepare their report, And being returned the com^{tee} relating to our Publick affairs offer^{d} to the Town a report or rather a Draught for a report which being repeatedly read before the Town and several votes ask^{d}. respecting some particular parts of s^{d} draught there was nothing determin^{d} the season being very cold & uncomfortable it was mov^{d}. the meeting be adjourn^{d}.

Accordingly the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the Twenty fourth of this ins^{t} at one o'Clock P.M. at this place.

1774, Jan^{ry} 24th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town Affairs being assembled by adjournment from the Tenth ins^{t}. Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy the chairman of the above Com^{tee} requesting the report offer^{d} to the Town on the 10th. inst might be withdrawn: which was allow^{d}. by the Town.

adjournm^{t}. Then the Com^{tee} offer^{d} another report to the Town, there was also two other Draughts read before the Town: and after debate thereon, it was mov^{d} said meeting be adjourned.

Com^{tee} on Benj^{a} Baxters affairs. Then the Committee relative to Benj^{a} Baxter's affair offer^{d} an oral report to this purpose. That the Selectmen be desired & directed carefully to examine into s^{d} Baxter's title of the House & Land at Roxbury and make report to the Town at the adjournment.

Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the annual meeting shall be held in March next.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c.

1774, March 7th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town, for the choice of Town officers &c. and for transacting the other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as inserted in the Warrants for s^{d} meeting, are as follows, (viz) After a Moderator chosen &c

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To direct respecting the repairing the Highways within s^{d} Town the ensuing year.

Thirdly, To consider and Determine upon some Method to re-

trench the charge of the Town relative to the Poor, by hiring or building a convenient House for their reception, and engaging some suitable Person to take care of the same.

Fourthly, To hear the request of any Person respecting Highways.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will allow swine to run at large.

Sixthly, To hear the report of any Com^{tees} or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Mod^{r}. Being assembled as aforesaid Deac^{n} Joseph Palmer Mod^{r}.

Cler. & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was Nominated & chosen Cler. also Treas^{r}.

[277] The Warden act being read the following Persons were chosen (viz)

Wardens. James Clark, Robert Hayden, Nathl Payne Ebenez^{r}. Fields, Ambrose Salisbury, Joshua Hayward jun^{r}.

Constables allowance Voted, The several Constables that serve the Town the ensuing year as Collectors be allow^{d} Forty shillings each.

Then Deac^{n}. Joseph Palmer was chosen Const^{l} who refus^{d} serving as incompatible with his church office.

Constables Then William Glover, Zachariah Marquand & Nathl. Niles were chosen Cons^{l}.

Overseers of the Poor. Voted, That the Town choose overseers of the Poor Seperate & distinct from the Selectmen.

Selectmen. Voted, That there be only three Selectmen the ensuing year.

Then Mr. Norton Quincy, Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. & Mr. Jon^{a} Bass were chosen

Voted, That there be three Overseers of the Poor one in each Precinct

North Prec^{t} Overseer. Then Mr. James Brackett jun^{r} was chosen for the North Prec^{t}.

adjournm^{t} Then the meeting was adjourned to Fryday the eleventh ins^{t}. at Ten o'clock, A.M. to this place.

The meeting adjourn^{d} from the 24th. of February last to this Day was also adjourned to the s^{d} eleventh inst to this place.

1774 March 11th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournm^{t} from the 7th. instant.

Warden. Eben^{r}. Field, being excused as Warden Joseph Baxter was chosen.

Zachariah Marquand Presenting Hobart Clark, to serve as Const^{a}. in his stead said Marquand refusing giving Bond to the Town as has been practiced. Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. & Elisha Niles offer^{d} their Bond to indemnify the Town from any damage they should sustain by any default of s^{d} Clark in s^{d} office.

Voted, The said Hobart Clark, be accepted as cons^{le} on the above conditions

Then proceeded to the choice of Town officers by way of Nomination

Assizors of Bread Joseph Bass, Thomas White Lt Seth Turner Wm Vesey j^{r} Christopher Thayer Junr. Lt Nathl Belcher jun^{r}.

Tythingmen. Jonathan Bass, Moses French, Baccheus Thayer

Surveyors of Lumber Eben^{r} Field Balch Cowen Wm Penniman 3^{d}. Eliphalet Sawen Lt Nathl Belcher.

Fence Viewers. Nathl. Glover, Micah Wild Joseph Tower, Joseph Cleverly 2^{d} Nathl French William Linsfield 3^{d}.

Fire Wardens. Moses Adams, James Thayer Seth Man jun^{r}.

Cullers of Staves. Balch Cowen, Benj^{a} Thayer, 2^{d}. Lt Seth Turner Lt Nathl Belcher

Sealers of Shingles. Balch Cowen Ambrose Salisbury.

Sealers of Leather. Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}. Benjamin Ludden jun^{r}.

Voted, That the Highways be repaired in the same manner as last year.

Highways. Voted, That each Poll within s^{d} Town be assessed three shillings or one Day & half towards repairing the Highways and that the estates be in the same proportion.

[278] Surveyors of Highways. Benj^{a} Cleverly, Edmund Billings, Thompson Baxter, Seth Spear Deac^{n}. Daniel Arnold, John Holbrook jun^{r}. Eben^{r}. Thayer 3^{d}. Saml Niles Esqr. Thomas Hollis jun^{r}. Edmund Soper, Thomas Newcomb, Lt David Holbrook, Nehemiah French, Eliphalet Sawen Joseph White Junr. Joshua French, Aaron Hayward Jr.

Surveyors directed Voted, That the Selectmen direct the Surveyors of High Ways to effect the greatest part of the Labour on the ways as early as the circumstances will admit.

Hoggreaves. Amos Studson, Joseph Tirrell Benj^{a} Ludden jun^{r}. Ephraim Jones jr. Uriah Thayer j^{r}. Barnabas Clark, Austin Clark.

Overseers. Then Mr. James Brackett jun^{r}. David Holbrook, & Capt Thos. Penniman were chosen overseers of the Poor.

Select Men directed respecting Harman's & Newcomb's Ways.

Voted, The Select Men be Desired to view the circumstances relative to a complaint of Jon^{a} Baxter & oth^{rs} respecting an obstruction to their Lotts thro' William Harman's land and act thereon as they may think expedient, also to view the way laid out to the southward of Thos. Newcombs & determine what may be proper to be acted thereon & make report to the Town at the adjournm^{t}.

Overseers, impowered Voted That a Power be lodged in the Hands of the Overseers of the Poor to hire a House if they see cause for the use of the Poor, and to direct respecting the Premises as they may think best.

Com^{tee} for Treasury report The Com^{tee} appointed to settle the Treasury made report to the Town which was voted accepted, and stands recorded in the Treas^{r} Book L 2^{d} page 154.

Treas^{r}. allowance £3–0–0 Voted The Treasurer be allow^{d}. three Pounds ꝑ annum for two years last past.

Com^{tee} for Fish. Then Mr. William Penniman, Moses French & Edmund Soper were appointed a Com^{tee} to take care & prevent obstructions by dams or otherwise in the season of the Fish running to & from the Ponds.

Oar Com^{tee}. Meeting from 24th Feb. last. Then James Thayer,

Capt. Thos. Penniman & Elihu Adams, were appointed a Com^{tee} to endeavour to ascertain the Quantity of oar that has been carried out of the great Pond & by whom, and in the name of the Town to forbid any Person taking up or carring away any more & report to the Town.

Com^{tee} on Baxters affair Then Deac^{n}. Joseph Palmer, Elisha Niles, Edmund Billings, Capt Nathl Wales, Capt Thos. Penniman & Elihu Adams together with the Selectmen were appointed a Committee to examine into the titles of Benj^{a} Baxters interest at Roxbury & carefully consider the Towns circumstances relative to s^{d} Baxter, with full Power to transact in the Towns behalf respecting the same as they shall judge will be most beneficial to the Town.

1774, March 11th.

Publick affairs. Then the Meeting proceeded to the consideration of our Publick affairs, & the following Draught or report was laid before the Town, viz.

We have reason to be alarmed when all that is dear to us is at stake and there can be nothing more influencing than the danger of loosing our civil & Religious Priviledges, Benefits in themselves truly valuable, and obtained at such expense of treasure & toil attended with such Hazards & Hardships as not parrallel^{d} in History. The recovery of such as are abridg^{d} & preserving those that remain will undoubtedly be judged objects worthy the highest attention. The declarative right of the British Parliam^{t}. to tax the american colonies without their consent, and to make Laws binding on them in all cases whatsoever is evidently repugnant to the views our Predecessors had their Previledges, and should it take place must leave us & our Poster[279]ity nothing to hope but every thing to Fear, that a prejudic^{d} or corrupt^{d}. Ministry should se good at any time to impose on us. And as the doctrine of Passive obedience & non resistance is not less mischievous in Politicks than religion, and as we have an unquestionable right to use every lawfull means to ward off impending danger &c We resolve,

1st. Than the great end & design for which Men first formed themselves into Governmental Society and submitted to Government was the greater good of the whole, and not to enrich or agrandize one or a few.

2dly. That it is essential to this great end the greater good of the whole that all Laws be by the consent of the People either Personally or by their Representatives, Since without this Right they must ever be exposed to oppression from their Rulers.

3^{d}. That it necessarily follows that no British Law can justly be binding upon us who neither have or (from our local scituation) possibly can have either personally or by Representative any equal share in the enacting them. And we therefore resolve in the spirit of the Law of the late colony of New Plymouth above an hundred years ago, "That no act, imposition Law or ordinance be made or imposed upon us at present or to come but such as (has or) shall

be enacted by the consent of the Body of Freemen or associates or their representatives legally assembled which is according to the free liberties of the free born People of England," and of the same purport have been the resolves of our own Parliam^{t} or general assemblys to the present day.

4th. That we have reason therefore to complain that there are now in being sundry acts of the British Legislature the professed design of which is to raise a revenue in America and by which our property is by unconstitutional measures extorted from us & applied not to pay Brittain's Debts, but to support Revenue Commissioners &c in idleness & Luxury to the waste of our Property & danger of our morals. And in particular the late act of the British Parliam^{t} which thro' artfull Ministerial contrivance allows the East India Cor. to export Teas to America charged with a duty payable here is craftily calculated to establish a revenue which if effected will probably render abortive all future opposition. And we must then be liable to all the variety of taxation which Brittain now pays on a Number of articles most necessary for the conveniences of life, besides a large tax upon our Lands, For the preventing whereof we resolve as far as in us lies to put an end to the use of all East India teas & peice goods, and to consider every person among us who shall hereafter, Buy sell, or use s^{d} Teas or peice goods untill our grievences are redress^{d}. (if not intentionally) yet Practical enemies to our Rights & Liberties.

5th That the declarative right of the British Parliam^{t}. that they have a right to make Laws binding on the Colonies in all cases whatsoever is very alarming: the universality of this declaration evinces that our Religious rights are in danger as well as our civil. For as agreable to this declaration they have in fact deprived us of some of our civil rights & imposed Taxes upon us, so in conformity to the same declaration by an act of uniformity or otherwise they may impose any Religious Shackles upon us, and we know of no instance wherein a people have been deprived of their civil rights but that they have lost their Religious rights also, and from the nature of things they must or fall together.

[280] 6. That at the same time We so freely resolve & determine against submission to all foreign taxation: and that we are determined, by the will of God to stand fast in the liberty wherewith we are made free, and to hazard life itself rather than submit to foreign taxation. We also resolve to pay all obedience to our Provential Laws, and that we will not use our liberty as a cloke of licentiousness.

7 We greatly lament the want of a truly Patriotic spirit and that private views & interest are so apparently the governing motive of so great a part in this day of Distress & Danger; while every individual is interested in or can We have notwithstanding all our resolves & Determinations any prospect of a favourable issue unless our private interest give place to the Gen^{ll} good and we unitedly engage & use our utmost efforts, to promote it, and to that end we shall readily join not only with our Brethren in this Province but thro' this wide extended continent in every lawfull,

Just & constitutional measure for recovering & preserving inviolate all our civil & Religious rights & priviledges against all opposition whatsoever, and by this means (to use the words of his Majestys councel) We hope to see happiness & tranquility restored to the Colonies, and especially to see betwixt great Brittain & them a union establish^{d}. on such an equitable Basis as neither of them shall ever wish to destroy. We humbly supplicate the sovereign arbiter of human affairs for these happy events.

The foregoing report was voted accepted & ordered that the sam be enter^{d} in the Towns Book of records, and that an attested copy thereof be transmitted to the Com^{tee} of correspondence at Boston.

The Meeting from the seventh of March inst was adjourned to the Day the Meeting shall be appointed for the choice of a Representative in May next & to immediately succeed s^{d} Meeting.

Deac^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Mr. Edmund Soper & Elihu Adams were appointed a Committee to settle acco^{ts} with the Town Treas^{r}. which was omitted in its proper place

1774, May 16th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in the choice of a Representative, also those Qualify^{d} to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^{d} Town, Pursuant to warrants directing to elect one or more Persons to serve for & Represent them in the Great Gen^{ll} Court or assembly the year ensuing. Then after a Moderator chosen To raise money towards the defreying the charge of the Town the current year.

Representative Being assembled as aforesaid made choice of Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr. to serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court the ensuing year.

Mod^{r}. Then Dea^{c} Joseph Palmer was chosen Mod^{r}.

assessment, £150. Voted, that one Hundred & fifty Pounds be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within s^{d} Town towards defreying the charge of the Town the current year.

Instructions to the Representative Then a draught for instructions to the Representative was offer^{d} to the Town which was committed to Mr. William Penniman Mr Norton Quincy, Mr Azariah Faxon, Capt Thomas Penniman, & Mr. Edmund Billings for their consideration & amendm^{t} which was soon return^{d} without any alteration which was read before the Town, & by their vote accepted & ordered to be forwarded to Eben^{r}. Thayer Esqr their Representative.

adjournment Then the Meeting adjourned from the eleventh of March last was brot. forward.

Hoggreaves. The Town made choice of Benj^{a} Ludden 3^{d} Noah Thayer 2^{d}. John Niles & Austin Clark for Hoggreaves for the ensuing year.

[281] Com^{tee} report on Baxter case. The Com^{tee} in Benj^{a} Baxter's affair offer^{d} their report.

Braintree May 16th. 1774.

To the Town of Braintree assembled, at the adjournment of their

March meeting to this time & place. The Com^{tee} appointed to examine into & act in Benjamin Baxter's case beg leave to Report That they have enquired into the Title of his late Estates at Roxbury & Braintree & found his title good. That they have borrow^{d} the money to pay off the mortgage & have therewith paid off the same & have taken possession of both estates. That they have let the Braintree estate for one year, but the Roxbury estate in part lies dead however they have a prospect of selling both estates at such prices as to make a saving of a considerable part of Mr. Baxters Debt to the Town.

That they have bot, Dea^{c} Belcher's right of Dower in the Braintree Est^{a} but that his wife has not agreed to the proposals made to her for the right in that es^{te} but has given encouragement that she will sell, and that y^{r} Com^{tee} will further report when the business is finished.

J. Palmer, ꝑ order.

1774 June 27th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to warrants for that purpose to consider and Determine what measures are proper to be taken upon the present exigency of our publick affairs

Assembled as aforesaid Deac^{n} Palmer, Mod^{r}.

Voted, a Com^{tee} be raised to prepare a draught of a covenant to be laid before the Town. s^{d} Com^{tee} to consist of fifteen. Then Deac^{n} Palmer, Mr. Norton Quincy, Mr. Edmund Billings, Coll^{o} Josiah Quincy, Capt Benj^{a} Beal, Saml. Niles Esqr. Mr. Edm^{d}. Soper, Elisha Niles Deac^{n} Penniman, Capt Nathl Wales, Mr. Jon^{a}. Bass, Capt Thos. Penniman, Lt Joshua Hayward Capt John White & Lt Nathl. Belcher jun^{r}. were seperately chosen a committee for that purpose.

Publick affairs. Then the meeting adjourn^{d} for one hour and being return^{d} the above s^{d} Com^{tee} offer^{d}. to the Town a draught of a covenant which was Voted accepted, and was then proposed the same should be offer^{d} to the Members of s^{d} Town for signing &c. Then the meeting was adjourned to this day 4 weeks at 4 o'clock P.M. at this place.

1774 July 25th

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournm^{t} from 27th. of June last. The above said covenant having had some exceptions made, so it was offer^{d} to the Town for amendment which was accordingly done, and then almost every one Present sign^{d} the same, and it was then order^{d} by the Town that s^{d} covenant should be offer^{d} by the afores^{d} Committee to the Members of the Town in the several Precincts that were not Present at the Meeting for signing and then to be lodg^{d} with the clerk of s^{d} Town.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to the first Monday of November next two o'clock P.M. at this place.

[282] 1774 Aug 22d

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify^d^ to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of s^d^ Town Pursuant to warrants for that purpose, moving to choose a committee if the Town think proper to meet the committees of the several Towns within this County at Dedham on Tuesday the sixth day of September next to consider & determine relative to the Present exigency of our publick affairs, also to act on anything relative thereto as the Town shall think proper.

Assembled as aforesaid Mr William Penniman Mod^r^.

Voted, That a Com^tee^ be chosen by this Town to represent said Town at a County Convention of the Towns & Districts of this county to be holden at the House of Richard Woodward at Dedham, on Tuesday the sixth day of September next with full power of adjourning, doing & acting all such matters & things in said Convention or in a General Provincial Convention as they may judge of public utility in this time of publick & General Distress.

Voted, That s^d^ Com^tee^ consist of three persons then Deac^n^. Joseph Palmer, Coll^o^ Ebenezer Thayer, & Capt. Thomas Penniman were chosen a Committee for the purposes aforesaid.

Com^tee^ of Corresp^e^. Voted, That said Committee be directed to endeavour to obtain a County Indemnification for such persons as may be fined for non compliance with the late British act of Parliam^t^ intitled an act for the better regulating the Governm^t^ of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.

Voted, That the aforesaid committee be also a Com^tee^ of correspondence To correspond with the other Towns & Districts in this Province in order to obtain & Communicate such intelligence as may any way affect the Publick.

Then Norton Quincy Esqr. Mr. James Clark, Dea^n^ Penniman, Sam^ll^ Niles Esqr. Mr Jon^a^. Bass, & Lieu^t^ Joshua Hayward were appointed a Com^tee^ to convene from time to time as they may Judge necessary or expedient to deliberate & determine on any new occuranse relative to our Publick affairs & communicate there proceedings to the Com^tees^ appointed for the County Convention &c.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the Twelfth of September next three o'clock P.M. at this place.

1774 Septr 12th.

The Town being assembled by adjournment from the 22^d^ of August last &c.

Voted, The meeting be adjourned to the Day that may be appointed for the choice of a Representative for the Gen^ll^ Court order^d^. to be conven^d^. the fifth of oct^r^ next at three o'Clock P.M.

1774 Octr 3^{d}

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 12th. of September last.

Vote respecting a false charge relative to Ch'h Eng^{d}. Voted, Whereas a report has been spread in the Town of Boston & other places that a considerable Number of People in this Town had enter^{d} into a combination to Disturb & harrass the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Winslow & other Members of the ch'h of Engl^{d}. with a letter to oblidge them to leave the Town, And no [283] evidence appearing to Support the charge, Therefore

Voted, That said report is malicious, false & injurious & calculated to defame the Town, & that We protest against all such combinations as being subversive of good Government We being as ready to allow that right of private judgm^{t} to others which we claim for ourselves.

Voted, The relation Mr Peter Etter made respecting his conduct is satisfactory to the Town.

Voted, The resolves of the Com^{tees} of correspondence of several Towns in the County of Suffolk, respecting the withholding Materials from the Soldiers &c. be adopted by this Town.

Voted, That a Com^{tee} of Observation & Prevention be raised in this Town, to carefully observe & Prevent any Person or Persons acting contrary to the true intent of the aforesaid Committees of correspondence resolves relating to that affair.

Com^{tee} of observation & inspection. Voted, said Com^{tee} consist of fifteen viz five in each Prec^{t}. Then the following Gentlemen were separately chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose viz. Mr Edm^{d}. Billings, Deac^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Mr James Brackett jun^{r}. Mr. James Clark, Mr. Peter B. Adams, Mr. Thomas Newcomb, Mr. William Penniman, Mr. Moses French, M^{r}. Edm^{d}. Soper, Captn. Nath^{ll}. Wales, Capt. Thos Penniman, Mr Moses Spear Mr. Nathl. Niles, Mr. Nathl Belcher jun^{r} & Mr Jon^{a}. Bass, and that com^{tee} serve Gratis.

Publick affairs Voted, That Whereas by the Present embarrasm^{t} of our civil Liberty the People's minds are easily affected with every appearance of Danger and in some cases may be ready to allow their resentment to rise to an undue pitch, Therefore all Persons within this Town that are or may be aggrieved by the conduct of others respecting our publick affairs are directed to apply to the Com^{tee} of observation &c. who are desired if possible to remove the grounds of such uneasiness, (if real) and direct all inquirers respecting duty under the Present circumstances of things.

Voted, That the Town will Support all constitutional officers in the exercise of their respective offices.

Provincial Congress delegates Then, Proceeded to the consideration of appointing one or more Persons to attend a provincial Congress at Concord the second Tuesday of this ins^{t}. Voted, To send two persons to s^{d} congress. Then Eben^{r}. Thayer & Joseph Palmer, were chosen for that purpose.

adjourned Then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in Novr. next 3 o'clock P.M. to this place.

1774 Oct. 3d.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of Town of Braintree Qualifyd to vote in The choice of a Representative being assembled pursuant to a Precept for the choice of Representatives to convene at Salem on the fifth of octr. instt. The Town made chise of Ebenr. Thayer & Joseph Palmer, Esqrs for their Representatives & voted instructions to them which they recd.

1774 Nov. 7th.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 25th. of July last it being a very rainy day & few Members present

Voted, to adjourn sd meeting to monday the fourteenth inst one o'clock P.M. to this place. also, the meeting from the 3d octr. last was adjourned to the same day, two o'clock P.M. to this place.

[284] 1774 Nov. 14th.

At a Town Meeting by adjournment from the seventh of Novr. instant, Deacn. Palmer Modr.

Resignation of Military Commisss. Voted, The Modr. be desired to request such Military commission officers as are Present to resign their respective commissions. Then the following Gentlemen made a Declaration to the Town of their free resignation of their sd commissions viz. Collo Ebenezer Thayer, Nathll Wales, Joseph Hayward, Benjamin Hayden, Captains Peter B. Adams, Jona. Thayer, John Vinton, Ebener Thayer 3d. Lieutenants, Thomas White, John Hall Jr. Isaac Spear Ensigns, also Benja Bass Captain.

Voted, The assessors of the North & Middle Precincts within sd Town be desired to call Meetings in their respective Precincts to regulate the Militia agreeable to the recommendation of the Provincial Congress.

Comtee respecting non consumption agreemt Voted, The Comtee of observation &c be desired to inform themselves relating to the conduct of such Persons within sd Town (if any there be) who do not strictly conform to the non importation & non consumption agreement and if there be any of the Members of the Town who continue to practice in violation of sd agreemt. by selling or consuming Teas or otherwise & persist therein ; that in such case they publish his, her, or their names that they may be known & esteemed as Practical enemies to our rights & Priviledges.

Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday 28th. inst one o'Clock, P.M. at this place.

The Meeting whereof Mr. Wm. Penniman was Modr. was adjourned, to the same Day two o'clock P.M. at this Place.

1774 Nov. 28th.

The Town Meeting being assembled by adjournmt. from the fourteenth inst. Mr. Wm. Penniman Modr.

Province Tax Collectors Directed. Voted, The Collectors of the Province Taxes are directed to use their utmost endeavours for

collecting the same, and to pay the same when collected into the Hands of the Selectmen of this Town, and that the Selectmen in the Name & Behalf of the Town indemnify s^{d} collectors from any damage they may sustain by not paying the same to Harrison Gray Esqr. and that the Selectmen retain s^{d} money in their Hands untill it shall be otherwise order^{d} by s^{d} Town & then to pay the same to the Towns order.

Com^{tee} respecting Oar. Voted, Coll^{o}. Thayer, Capt Nath^{ll} Wales, & Mr. Jon^{a} Bass be a Com^{tee} to settle with Mr. Aaron Hubbard for the oar he has taken from the great Pond.

adjournment Then the meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in January next one o'Clock P.M. at this place.

N.B. The appointment of Mr. Adams as a Member of the Provincial Congress was omitted thro' accident in the Records which ought to have been inserted first after the opening s^{d} meeting as follows, viz.

Voted, John Adams Esqr. be joined to the Members of the Provincial Congress, as a Member for this town.

[285] 1775, Jany 23^{d}.

The Town Meeting being assembled by adjournment from the Twenty eighth Day of November last, Voted s^{d} Meeting be further adjourned to monday the 23^{d}. ins^{t} at ten o'clock forenoon to this place.

Delegate for Provincial Congress. The Town being assembled by adjournment from the 2^{d}. ins^{t}.

Voted, To Send one Delegate only to the Provincial Congress, the first of February next &c. Then Deac^{n}. Palmer was chosen for that purpose. Then Mr. Edmund Billings, Capt Benj^{a}. Beal, Coll^{o} Eben^{r} Thayer, Deac^{n}. James Penniman, M^{r}. Jno. Bass, Doct^{r}. Wales, & Elisha Niles, were appointed a Com^{tee} to Draught instructions to be laid before Town for s^{d} Delegate. S^{d} Com^{tee} offer^{d} s^{d} instructions to the Town, as follows viz.

Delegates instruct^{d}.

Braintree January 23^{d}. 1775.

Sir. As you have this Day been appointed as a Delegate to Represent us in the Provincial Congress, to be held at Cambridge the first of February next, and as our Duty & interest lies in carefully & strictly adhering to the recommendations & resolves of the continental Congress, We your constituants direct & instruct you to attend to the Spirit & letter of s^{d} resolves; particularly where they recommend to us, to submit to a suspension of the administration of Justice, where it cannot be procured in a legal & peaceable manner, under the rules of the charter & the Laws founded thereon; untill the effect of their application for a repeal of the acts, by which our charter rights are infringed, is known. Also their direction respecting Gen^{ll}. Gage & his majestys troops, stationed at Boston, & that We peaceably & firmly persevere in the line in which we were then conducting on the Defensive. And that you in nowise strain their sense & act as may be construed repugnant to their meaning which must have a tendency to involve us in reme-

diless ruin which inevitably be our case should we lose their support.

James Penniman. } In the Name
To Joseph Palmer, Esqr. } of the Com^{tee}

The above report was voted accepted & order^{d}. to be directed to s^{d} Delegate, s^{d} report was forwarded accordingly.

Voted, That a Com^{tee} of Seven take under consideration the Resolves, of the Congress respecting encouragem^{t} of the Militia.

Militia encourag^{d}. Then Dea^{c}. Palmer, M^{r}. P. B. Adams, Mr Edm^{d}. Soper, Capt Hayden Mr. Sawen, Capt Penniman, & Mr Azariah Faxon were appointed, a Com^{tee} for that purpose, s^{d} Commi-^{tee} offer^{d} their report to the Town &c.

1775, Jan 23^{d}.

That whereas much time is generally spent by the Militia of this Town in perfecting themselves in necessary Military exercises — many of whom cannot well afford it; and it being wisdom att all times especially at this to put ourselves into a good state of Defence, and being desirous to encourage a Military spirit in the most equitable manner; do vote, That from and after the last Day of this month until the last Day of March next every Person in the Militia who shall attend s^{d} exercises shall be paid out of the Town Treasury, for every half days attendance. Provided such Person shall be paid for no more than for one half Day in a week & Provided also that the Capt & Clerk of each & every Military Company do certify to the Selectmen for the time being that such person has faithfully attended his duty at s^{d} exercises from three o'clock to six o'clock in the afternoon of such days at which Hours the Rolls shall be called & no person paid who has not attended & answered to both calls, on [286] each and every such day. And the Parents, Masters or Guardians of such as are under age shall be paid for such Minors, and Provided also That all such as may not be sufficiently equipt with arms & ammunition in the judgment of the Field officers shall have his s^{d} wages laid out for such equipment & such as are sufficiently equipt shall receive their s^{d} wages in money when the s^{d} Treasury is in cash.

N.B. The equipment intended is a good Fire lock, Bayonett & cartouch Box one pound of Powder Twenty four balls to fitt their Guns, twelve flints & a knapsack.

Militia allowance. Voted, That the Town allow the Militia that attend exercises agreable to the above report one shilling for each & every half day.

1775, March 6th.

The anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Prec^{t}. of s^{d} Town to transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in the warrants are as follows (viz) After a Mod^{r}. chosen.

First, To choose all such Town officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To direct respecting the repairing the Highways within s^{d} Town the ensuing year.

Thirdly, To hear & act on the request of any Persons respecting acco^{ts}. to be laid before the Town.

Fourthly, To act on any matter or thing that may be laid before the Town, relative to the present exigency of our Publick affairs.

Fifthly, To hear the report of the Selectmen respecting Ways or of any committees, or to choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Assembled as aforesaid Joseph Palmer Esqr. Mod^{r}.

Clerk & Treas^{r}. Then Elisha Niles was nominated & chosen Clerk & also Treasurer.

Wardens. The Warden act being read, Enoch Hayden Benjamin Field, Joshua Hobart, Thomas Vinton, jr. Seth Man & Elijah French were chosen Wardens.

Const^{le}. allow^{d} Voted, To allow Forty shillings to each & every Constable that shall serve in s^{d} office the ensuing year as Collectors of Taxes.

Const^{le}. Then Seth Spear, Ichabod Holbrook & Seth Turner, were chosen Constables.

Selectmen. Voted, To choose Nine Selectmen for the ensuing year, three in each Precinct to do the duty of Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor & assessors and that they serve the Town Gratis excepting as assessors. Then Joseph Palmer, Norton Quincy, John Adams, Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. Deac^{n}. James Penniman, M^{r}. Edm^{d} Soper Mr Jon^{a} Bass, Mr. Eliphlet Sawen & Capt. Thomas Penniman were chosen Selectmen.

Province monies order^{d} Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to pay such monies as may be return^{d} to them by the Collectors of the Province Taxes, Pursuant to a vote of this Town into the hands of Henry Gardner Esq. of Stow.

County Do. Voted, The Collectors of the County Taxes be directed with all possible expidition to pay s^{d} county assessments into the County Treasurer.

He the s^{d} County Treasurer removing his office Ten miles at least from Boston or any other Seaport Town, within s^{d} County.

Delegate County Congress. Voted, To send one Delegate to the County congress the ensuing year Jos^{h}. Palmer Esqr. chosen.

Com^{tee} to prepare a covenant. adjournm^{t}. Voted, That Jos^{h}. Palmer, Norton Quincy, John Adams, Eben^{r}. Thayer, Elisha Niles Esq^{rs}. Mr. Thos. Newcomb, M^{r}. Jno.Bass, M^{r}. Isaac Spear, & M^{r}. Eliphalet Sawen, be a Com^{tee} to prepare a covenant similar to the association of the Continental Congress, to be adopted by s^{d} Town if they think proper, adjourn^{d} to 15 inst one o'clock in this place.

[287] 1775 March 17th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournm^{t}. from the sixth instant

Voted, A Committee consisting of nine be raised to consider

what encouragement may be proper to be given to such as may enlist & form themselves into Companies of Minute men.

Then John Adams Esqr. Edm^{d} Billings, John Hall jun^{r}. Coll^{o}. Thayer, Edm^{d} Soper, John Vinton Lt Joshua Hayward Jon^{a}. Bass, & Capt Penniman were chosen a Com^{tee} for that purpose.

Then proceeded to the choice of Town officers by way of Nomi nation, viz.

Assizors of Bread. Seth Baxter, Joshua Hobart, Joshua Hayward jun^{r}. Jon^{a} Bass 2^{d}. William Allen, Elihu Adams.

Tythingmen. Elijah Vesey, Caleb Hobart jun^{r}. Joshua Hobart jun^{r}.

Surveyors of Lumber. Eben^{r}. Field, Balch Cowen, W^{m}. Penniman 3^{d} Eliphalet Sawen, L^{t}. Nathl Belcher j^{r}. L^{t}. Seth Turner.

Fence Viewers. Dea^{c}. Eben^{r}. Adams, Adam Hobart Eliph^{t}. Sawen, Moses Adams, Moses French, Joshua Hayward J^{r}.

Fire Wards. Moses Adams, James Thayer, Seth Man jun^{r}.

Cullers of Staves. Balch Cowen, Benj^{a} Thayer, Lt Turner, L^{t}. Belcher j^{r}.

Sealers of Shingles. Balch Cowen, Ambrose Salisbury.

Sealers of Leather. Abijah Allen, Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}.

Voted, That the Highways in s^{d} Town be repaired the ensuing year as has been usual & that each Poll be Taxed two shillings equal to one Days work & that the estates be in proportion.

Surveyors of Highways. James Clark, Dea^{c}. Daniel Arnold Dea^{c} Eben^{r}. Adams, Capt. Moses Brackett Dea^{c} Jos^{h}. Palmer, Elisha Niles, Thos.Newcomb, James Thayer Saml. Holbrook, Mr. Caleb Hobart, Lt. David Holbrook, Capt Thos. Penniman Joseph Spear, David White, Ephraim Thayer 2^{d}. Simeon Thayer, Noah Thayer.

Voted, That Hoggs run at Large the ensuing year.

Hoggreaves. Amos Stutson, Newton Baxter, Enoch Hayden, Noah Thayer 2^{d}. Jacob Nash, Oliver Thayer, Aminadab Hayden, John Bowditch Lemuel Wales, Seth Man jun^{r}. David Burrill.

Com^{tee} to settle acc^{ts} with Selectmen. Voted, Mr. William Penniman, P. B. Adams & Doct^{r} Baker be a Com^{tee} to settle acco^{ts} with the Selectmen in the close of the year

Com^{tee} to settle acc^{ts}. with the Treasurer. Then Capt Moses Brackett, Azariah Faxon & Benj^{a} Porter, were appointed a Com^{tee} to settle acco^{ts} with the Town Treasurer after he has clos^{d}. his acco^{ts} for 1775.

Committee respecting fish. Then Mr William Penniman, Jon^{a} Thayer, & Nath^{ll} French, were appointed a Com^{tee} to take care and prevent the obstructions by Dams or otherwise in the course of the running of the Fish to & from the Ponds in the proper season.

[288] 1775 March 15th.

The Committee appointed the sixth of March Inst to prepare a covenant agreable to the association of the Continental Congress, to be adopted by this Town offer^{d} the same to the Town as follows (viz)

Association or Covenant. We the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay: having taken into our most serious consideration the subject matter of the association enter[d] into by the Continental Congress, on Oct[r]. 20th. 1774, and being determined to do every thing in our power, to confirm & establish that union which at this time so happily subsists amoung ourselves not only in this Town & Colony but also throughout the continent: and which we humbly hope may be blessed by heaven as the peaceable means of recovering & establishing our rights & liberties in such a manner as to hand them entire to Generations yet unborn have freely & voluntarily enter[d] into the following association, Avowing our allegiance to the King; our affection & regard for Brittons in all parts of the World, affected with the deepest anxiety & most alarming apprehensions, at those grievances & distresses with which Brittish Americans are oppressed, and having taken under our most serious Deliberation the state of the whole Brittish continent so far as our abilities & opportunities permitted, find that the present unhappy situation of our affairs is occasioned by a ruinous system of Colony administration adopted by the British Ministry about the year 1763, evidently calculated for enslaving these Colonies, and with them the whole Brittish Empire. In prosecution of which system various acts of Parliam[t] have been passed for raising a revenue in america for depriving the american subject in many instances, of the constitutional tryal by jury, exposing their lives to danger, by creating a new & illegal trial beyond the seas, for crimes alledged to be committed in america; and in the prosecution of the same system several late cruel & oppressive acts have been passed respecting the Town of Boston and Province of Massachusetts Bay, and also an act for extending the Province of Quebec so as to border on the western frontiers of these Colonies, establishing an arbitrary Government therein & discouraging the settlement of Brittish subjects in that wide and extended country. Thus by the influence of civil principles, and ancient prejudices, to dispose the inhabitants to act with hostility against the free protestant colonies, whenever a wicked Ministry shall choose to direct them.

To obtain redress of these grievances which threaten destruction to the lives, liberty & property of his majesty[s] subjects in No. america. We are of opinion that non importation non consumption & non exportation agreements faithfully adhered to will prove the most speedy, effectual & peaceable measures, and therefore We do for ourselves in particular as well as being members of said Town of Braintree firmly agree & associate under the sacred ties of virtue, honour & love of our country as follows.

First that we will not import from Great Brittain or Ireland or from any other place, any such goods, wares or Merchandise as shall have been imported from Great Brittain or Ireland nor will we from this Day import any East India from any part of the world, [289] nor any Molasses, Syrups, panales, coffee or piemento from the Brittish Plantations or Dominica, or wines from Madeira or the Western Islands, or foreign Indigo.

Second, That we will neither import or purchase any slave imported since the first Day of December last, and will wholly discontinue the slave trade; and will neither be concerned in it ourselves, nor will we hire our vessells nor sell our commodities or manufactures to those who are concerned in it.

Third, As a non consumption agreement strictly adhered to will an effectual security for the observation of the non importation, We as above solemnly agree & associate that from this day we will not purchase or use any East India Teas whatever, nor will we nor any person by or under us purchase or use any of those goods, wares or merchandise we have agreed not to import which we shall know or have any cause to suspect were imported since the first day of December last, except such as come under the rules & directions of the tenth article of the association of the Continental congress.

Fourth, The earnest desire we have not to injure our fellow subjects in Great Brittain, Ireland or the West indias induce us to suspend a non exportation untill the tenth day of September 1775 at which time, if the said acts and parts of acts of the Brittish parliam^t^. hereafter mentioned are not repealed we will not directly or indirectly export any merchandise or commodities whatsoever to Great Brittain, Ireland or the West Indias except rice to Europe

Fifth, Such as are Merchants & use the British or Irish trade will give orders as soon as possible to their agents, factors & correspondents in Great Brittain & Ireland not to ship any goods to them on any pretence whatsoever as they cannot be received in america; and if any Merchant residing in Great Brittain or Ireland shall directly or indirectly ship any wares, goods or merchandise for america in order to break the said non-importation agreement or in any manner counterviene the same, on such unworthy conduct being well attested it ought to be made publick; and on the same being so done, we will not from thence forth have any commercial connexion with such Merchant.

Sixth, That such as are owners of vessels will give positive orders to their Captains or Masters not to receive aboard their vessels any goods prohibited by the said non importation agreem^t^ on pains of immediate dismission from their service.

Seventh, We will use our utmost endeavours to improve our breed of sheep & increase their number to the greatest extent & to that end we will kill them as sparingly as may be especially those of the most profitable kind; nor will we export any to the West Indies or elsewhere.

Eighth, That we will in our several stations encourage frugality economy & industry and promote agriculture arts & manufactures of the country especially that of wool, & will discountenance & discourage every species of extravagance & dissipation and on the death of any relative or friend we will conform as near as may be to the association of the Continental congress relative thereto.

Ninth, That such as are venders of goods or Merchandise will

not take advantage of the scarcity of goods that may be occasioned by their association, but will sell the same at reasonable profits, and if any vender of goods or merchandise shall sell any such goods on higher terms, or shall in any manner, or by any device whatsoever violate this agreement, no person ought, or will any of us deal with any such person or his or her agents or factor at at any time hereafter for nay commodities whatsoever

Tenth, In case any Merchant Trader or other person shall import any goods contrary to this association the same ought forthwith to be sent back again without breaking any of the packages thereof.

Eleventh, That the Com^{tee} of Correspondence, the Com^{tee} of observation in this Town together with John Adams, Elisha Niles Esqr. Mr. Joshua Hayward Mr. Eliphalet Sawen, Dea^{c}. Benjamin Bass, [290] Dea^{c}. Eben^{r}. Adams, Mr. Seth Spear, Mr Saml. Holbrook M^{r}. John Vinton, Mr. Azariah Faxon, Mr. Eben^{r}. Thayer 3^{d}. Mr. Seth Turner, & Mr. Joshua Hayward Jr be one committee whose business it shall be attentively to observe all persons touching this association, and when it shall appear to the satisfaction of a Majority of s^{d} Com^{tee} within the limits of their appointment has violated this association, that such majority do forthwith cause the truth of the case to be published in the Gazette, to the end all such foes to the rights of British america may be publickly known & universally contemned as the enemies of american liberty & thence forth we respectively will break off all dealings with him or her.

Twelfth, That all Manufactures of this Country be sold at reasonable prices so that no undue advantage be taken of a future scarcity of goods.

Thirteenth And we do further agree & resolve, that we will not have any trade, dealings, commerce, or intercourse with any District, Town, Colony or Province in North America, which shall not acceed to, or which shall hereafter violate said association of the Continental congress, but will hold them as unworthy of the rights of Freeman, and as inimical to the Liberties of their Country.

And whereas it is of the utmost importance that the salutory association of the Continental congress be effectually executed; and the plans of the foes to america defeated, who aided by Tyrannical power intend to import goods, wares & Merchandise prohibited by said association, by assistance of such Merchants & traders as to this intent shall basely prostitute themselves; and it will be extreamly difficult to distinguish between goods imported before the first day of December last, and such as after s^{d} day shall be imported & secretly dispersed throughout the Colony.

And whereas it is expresly recommended by the continental congress, to the Provincial Conventions and to the committees in the respective colonies, to establish such further regulations as they may think proper for carrying into execution their association, We do farther resolve, That from & after the tenth day of October next it will be indispensibly necessary that all goods, Wares or

Merchandize directly or indirectly imported from Great Brittian, or Ireland, Molasses, Syrups, paneles, Coffee, or Piemento from the British Plantations, or from Dominica; wines from Madeira or the Western Islands, & foreign Indigo, should cease to be sold or purchased in this Colony, not withstanding that they shall have been imported before the first day of December aforesaid; unless the acts & parts of acts of Parliam^{t}. particularly enumerated in the close of this association be then repealed, and it is strongly recommended to the Inhabitants of this Town that from and after the said Tenth Day of October, they cease to sell or purchase, & prevent being exposed to sale within this Town any goods wares or Merchandize & above enumerated, which shall at any time have been imported into america, whether before or since the first day of December aforesaid, unless s^{d} acts of Parliament shall be then repealed.

And it is strongly recommended to the Committee named in the 11th. article of this association, that they exert themselves in causing the same to be strictly executed, and that after the said Tenth of October, (unless the acts & parts of acts of Parliam^{t}. as aforesaid are repealed) that they apply to all Merchants & traders in this Town, and take a full inventory of all the goods wares or Merchandize in their possession whether they shall have been imported before or since the first day of December, aforesaid, requiring them to offer no more for sale until said acts be repealed.

And if any Merchant, Trader, or others shall refuse to have an inventory taken or shall offer for sale after the said tenth of October, any such goods, wares, or Merchandize, it is expresly recommended to the above named Committee that they take the goods into their possession, to be stored at the risque of the proper owner untill the repeal of the acts aforesaid, and publish the Names of [291] such refractory Merchants, Traders, or Purchasers, that they may meet with the merits of enemies to their country, and it advised to the inhabitants of this Town that they by no means fail vigorously to assist & support their Committees in discharging this as well as all other duties of their offices.

Provided, always, That in case the last resolve in this association shall be recommended by the next gen^{ll}. American Congress & adopted by all the united colonies then it shall be & remain in full force & virtue otherwise to be void & of no effect.

And we solemnly, individually & Collectively bind ourselves under the ties aforesaid, to adhere to this association, until such parts of the several acts of Parliam^{t}. passed since the close of the last War, as impose or continue duties on tea, wine, Molasses, Syrups, Paneles, coffee, Sugar Piemento, Indigo, foreign paper glass, & painters colours imported into america; and extend the Powers of the Courts of Admiralty beyond their ancient limits, Deprive the american subject of trial by Jury, authorize the Judges certificate to indemnify the prosecutors from damages that he might otherwise be liable to from a trial by his Peers, require oppressive secrurity from a claimant of ships or goods seized before he shall be allowed to defend his property are repealed, and untill

that part of the act of 12 G. 3d chr. 24 intitled an act for the better securing his Majestys Dock yards, Magazines, ships, ammunition & stores, by which any person charged with committing any of the offences therein described, in america, may be tried in any shire or County within the realm is repealed, and until the four acts passed in the last session of Parliament (viz)

That for blocking up the Harbour of Boston.

That for altering the charter & Government of the Massachusetts Bay, and that which is entitled, For the better administration of Justice, and that for the extending the limits of Quebec: are repealed

The foregoing association being Determined upon by the Town of Braintree very unanimously at a full meeting of the inhabitants March 15th. 1775 was ordered to be recorded in the Towns Book, and that every householder within sd Town be supplyd. with a printed copy thereof by Elisha Niles.

Attest, Elisha Niles, Town Cler.

The Committee appointed to consider relating to minute men offerd. their report as follows

Comtee Report respecting Minute Men. The Committee appointed to consider what encouragement it will be proper for the Town to give to Minute men to be raised in this Town; Report as their opinion that it is proper for this Town to make Provision for three Companies of Minute Men each to consist of Forty one men including officers one Company to be raised in each Precinct, & that each man in these Company's be allowed by the Town, one Shilling & four pence ℔ Day for one day in every week during the pleasure of the Town, Provided he shall attend the exercise under arms from two to six o'clock, and that the Clerk of the company & the captain shall certify that he was present at the calling of the Roll at two o'clock & at six o'clock in the afternoon of the exercising Days; and upon this condition also that he shall be compleatly provided with arms & ammunition according to the recommendations of the Provincial congress.

Signed by order of the Committee John Adams Chairman.

[292] 1775 March 15th.

Anno Domi 1775.

The Report of the Committee respecting Minute Men was voted accepted.

Minute Men Allowed. Voted, That the Selectmen in the Several Precincts in this Town, be desired & directed to supply the officers of the Minute Men in their respective Precincts with money to pay off sd Men day by day; and in case there shall be no publick monies which may without prejudice be applied to sd purpose, that they Borrow money on the Towns Credit to effect it, also to discharge the Tax for 1774.

adjourned. Then the meeting was adjourned to the last monday in April next at one o'clock P.M. at this Place.

April 24th. 1775.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 15th. of March last

The Moderator being necessarily detained Mr Wm Penniman was chosen Modr.

Comtee report respecting the Treasury. The Comtee appointed 11th. of March 1774, to settle accots with the Town Treasurer offerd their their report to the Town which was voted accepted and stands recorded in the Treasurers Book Voll 11 folio 158.

Grammar School Dismissed. Voted, The Selectmen be directed to dismiss Mr Rice their Grammar School Master as soon as their present engagements are expired.

Voted, That the Collectors of the Province Taxes be directed to collect & pay their respective dues with all possible expidition to Henry Gardner Esqr.

A Comtee appointed by the North Precinct of sd Town to consider & determine upon some means preventive of Danger that otherwise might ensue to the common cause from those that have appeard in opposition, offerd to the Town a draught they had prepared to be offerd to such persons for signing, which was approved by the Town and ordered to be committed to Norton Quincy Esqr. for that design

adjourned Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the eighth day of May next at three o'clock P.M. at this Place.

1775 May 8th.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 24 of april last, Voted, said meeting be adjourned to the 29th inst at three o'clock P.M. at this place.

1775 May 29th.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 8th inst

Voted, To send one Delegate only to attend the Provincial congress, the ensuing year. Then Collo Joseph Palmer was chosen for that purpose.

Voted said Meeting be adjourned to monday the 12th. of June next at three oclock, P.M. at this place.

1775 June 12th.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 29th. of May last

Voted, there be six Persons viz. Two in each Precinct, added to the present Comtee of correspondence in this Town. Then Messrs. Edmund Billings, James Clark, William Penniman Nathl. Wales, Jona Bass & Elihu Adams were chosen for sd purpose.

On a motion relating to the Highways &c.

Voted, The several surveyors of Highways be directed to take care of the same as usual till further orders from the Town.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Monday 26th inst at three o'clock P.M. at this place.

[294] 1775 June 26th.

The Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 12th inst.

Selectmen &c directed respecting the Estates of Martin Esqr. & others. Voted, The Select Men & Comtee of corre^e in this Town be desired & directed to examine into the interest of Wm. Martin Esqr. or others, lying in this Town, that fall particularly under their care agreable to the resolve of the Provincial congress of the 21st. instant & conform themselves to the order of sd congress relative thereto.

adjourned. Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the meeting should be appointed for the choice of a Representative, at this place & to immediately succeed sd meeting.

1775 July 10th.

Representative. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd. to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled Pursuant to the recommendation of the Continental congress &c.

Voted, To send one Representative only to the Genll. Court at Watertown, Then Collo Joseph Palmer was chosen for that purpose.

The Town Meeting by adjournment from 10 inst was further adjourned to monday 31st. inst three o'clock P.M. at this place.

1775 Augst. 14th.

Warrants The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualifyd. to vote in the choice of Representative, also those Qualifyd. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of sd Town Pursuant to the warrants for sd Meeting which were as follows. To elect or depute one or more Persons to serve for & Represent them in a Great & Genll. Court or assembly appointed to be held at Watertown on the nineteenth of July last & still continued, and for said person or persons so chosen forthwith to join said Genll assembly & attend the same during their session or sessions.

Also after a Modr. chosen.

To raise money to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year.

Representative Being assembled as aforesaid made choice of Ebenr. Thayer Esqr. to Represent them in said Genll. Court or assembly.

Modr. Then made choice of Samll. Niles Esqr. Modr.

Money raised £150 — Voted, To raise one Hundred & Fifty Pounds to be assessed on the Polls & rateable Estates within said Town to defrey the charge of the Town the currant year, Exclusive of the charge of the Militia.

[295] Anno Domi 1776.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers &c. March 4th. 1776.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town

of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct of said Town Pursuant to warrants to transact the affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in said warrants are as follows, viz. after a Moderator chosen.

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs. Also a County Treasurer & a County Register and a Committee of safety agreable to the resolves of the Gen^{ll}. Court.

Secondly, To see if the Town will Prefer a Petition to the Gen^{ll}. Court for an augmentation of Capt Turner's Company

Thirdly, To consider and Determine respecting the Towns vote in January 1775, with relation to paying the train band soldiers, for their exercises in February & March last.

Fourthly, To Determine respecting the repairing the Highways within said Town the ensuing year.

Fifthly, To determine whether Hoggs may run at Large within said Town the ensuing year.

Sixthly, To see if the Town will Petition the Gen^{ll} Court that Braintree may be the shire Town for reasons to be offer^{d}.

Seventhly, To Hear the report of any com^{tees} or choose any Com^{tees} that may be necessary.

Mod^{r}. Assembled as aforesaid, Proceeded & chose Saml. Niles, Esqr. Mod^{r}.

adjournment. The Town being Muster^{d}. on an alarm & thereby the attendance at said Meeting inconsiderable it was judg^{d}. improper to proceed on business and said meeting was adjourned to Monday the eleventh ins^{t}. at Nine o'clock A.M. at this place.

1776 March 11th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town being assembled by adjournment from the 4th. inst.

Nominated and chose Elisha Niles Clerk, also Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Warden act being read Proceeded to the choice of Wardens, Joseph Brackett, Elisha Niles, Sam^{ll}. Jones. Voted to have three only.

Constables chosen Capt. Peter B. Adams, Maj^{r}. Benj^{a}. Hayden & Thos. Penniman Esqr.

Constables allowance. Voted, To allow each Constable that serve the ensuing year Forty Shillings. Then the aforesaid Thos. Penniman presenting Joshua Hayward jun^{r} to the Town to serve in said office in his the said Pennimans place & stead.

Jo^{a} Hayward accepted. Voted, said Hayward be accepted to serve in the office of Constable, Provided said Penniman give Bond for the Town's security, as usual.

[296] Selectmen Voted to choose seven Selectmen for the ensuing year who may serve the Town as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor & assessors, and that they serve gratis, except as assessors, and to be chosen two in each Precinct and one at large. Then the following Gentleman were chosen, Norton Quincy Esqr.

Capt Peter B. Adams, Dea^{c}. James Penniman, Maj^{r} Edmund Soper, Coll^{o} Jonathan Bass, Thomas Penniman Esqr. & Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr.

Com^{tee} to prefer a Petition to Gen^{ll}. Court relative to the shire town. Voted, To raise a Com^{tee} to Prefer a Petition to the Gen^{ll}. Court, praying that Braintree may be made the shire Town of the county for reasons that may be adduced s^{d} Com^{tee} to consist of Nine.

Then the following Gentlemen were chosen for that purpose, viz.

Norton Quincy, Elisha Niles, Jonathan Bass, Edmund Soper, & Thomas Penniman Esq^{rs}. Capt. Peter B. Adams, Capt. Edmund Billings, Mr. Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, & Doc^{t}. Ephraim Wales, & it is expected s^{d} Com^{tee} serve the Town gratis.

Com^{tee} of Safety. Voted, To choose a Com^{tee} of Safety, to take under their inspection & care the publick affairs relative to the unhappy struggle & war we are involved in; agreable to the resolves of the Gen^{ll} Court s^{d} Com^{tee} to consist of nine and to serve the Town without any demands therefor.

Then Capt Edmund Billings, M^{r}. James Clark, Dea^{c}. Daniel Arnold, Coll^{o}. Eben^{r}. Thayer, Capt. Nath^{ll}. Wales, Elisha Niles, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, M^{r}. Nath^{ll}. Belcher jun^{r} & Doc^{r} Ephraim Wales, were chosen by Ballot, a Com^{tee} for the purposes aforesaid.

adjourned. Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday the eighteenth inst. at one o'Clock P.M. at this place.

1776 March 18th.

The inhabitants being obliged to guard the shores to prevent the threatened damages from the ships which lay in the Harbour, with the troops aboard, the meeting was adjourned to 25th. inst. one o'Clock, P.M.

1776 March 25th.

The Freeholders & other inhabitants of this Town being assembled by adjournment from the 18th. ins^{t} proceeded to the choice of Town officers by Nomination, and the Persons hereafter named were chosen to the respective offices Prefixt to their several Names, viz.

Assizors of Bread. Seth Baxter, cap^{t}. Moses French, L^{t}. Nath^{ll} Belcher jun^{r}. James Brackett jun^{r}. Capt. Thos. White, Thomas Penniman Esqr.

Tythingmen. Sam^{ll}. Bass, Sam^{ll}. Arnold Capt Joseph Hayward.

Surveyors of Lumber. Ebenezer Field Capt Thos. White Lt Nath^{ll} Belcher j^{r}.

Fence Viewers. Dea^{n} Eben^{r}. Adams, Micah Wild, Ephraim Thayer 2^{d}. James Brackett j^{r}. John Holbrook j^{r}. Elisha Wales.

Fire Wardens. Moses Adams, James Thayer, Seth Man jun^{r}.

Cullers of Staves. Capt. Thos. White, Lt Nath^{ll}. Belcher j^{r}.

Sealer of Shingles. Capt. Thomas White.

Sealers of Leather. Joseph Baxter, Abijah Allen.

[297] Voted, That the High ways in said Town be repaired in the same manner as last year viz. one days work to a single Poll & the Estates proportionably.

Surveyors of Highways Dea^{n}. Eben^{r}. Adams, James Clark Capt Peter B. Adams, Thompson Baxter, Josiah Veasey, Pearson Hayward, Jon^{a}. Thayer, Capt. Moses French, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook, Thomas Hollis, jun^{r} Dea^{c}. Penniman, Jeremiah Thayer, David White Simeon Thayer, Sam^{ll}. Belcher, Peter Thayer j^{r} & Moses Spear.

Hoggreaves. Newton Baxter, Eben^{r}. Penniman 2^{d}. Oliver Thayer, Adam Thayer, Josiah French, Nehemiah Holbrook, William Thayer, Richard Spear, Nehemiah Hayden jun^{r}. Joshua Clark.

Com^{tee} for Fish. Voted, That Capt. Moses French, Nathl. Wales & Jon^{a}. Thayer be a Com^{tee} to take care and prevent obstructions by dams or otherwise to the fish in their season of running to & from the Ponds and that said Com^{tee} are directed not to allow any Person to disturb said Fish by fishing for them in the rivers except Mondays, Wednesdays & Frydays of each week

Com^{tee} for Purchasing Field peices. Voted, Maj^{r}. Edmund Soper, Capt. Peter B. Adams & Thos. Penniman Esqr. be a Com^{tee} to join the com^{tee} of the Towns belonging to this Brigade in purchasing three Field peices for the use of the Shores, Provided the whole join in s^{d} purchase.

Com^{tee} on Politicks. Voted, That Coll^{o} Joseph Palmer, Sam^{ll}. Niles Esqr. & Thos. Penniman, Esqr. be a Com^{tee} to engage some suitable Gentleman to deliver at our meeting for the choice of a Representative in May next a Political discourse, relative to our natural rights civil & Religious.

Com^{tee} on Mr. James Thayers motion. Voted, That Elisha Niles Capt. Nathl Wales, & Maj^{r}. Hayden, be a Comm^{tee} to attend M^{r}. James Thayer and consider the utility & propriety of his proposal respecting the stopping the water in the great Pond in order to serve the Grist Mills in a time of drought, and report to the Town.

Article refer^{d}. Voted, The article in the warrant relating to paying the Militia for their exercises be refer^{d}. over to the next Town meeting.

1776 May 20th.

The Freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in the choice of a Representative, also those Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Prec^{t}. of s^{d} Town for the choice of Representatives & also for the transacting other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof as inserted in the warrants are as follows, viz. To elect or depute one or more persons to serve for & represent them in the Great & Gen^{ll}. Court or assembly appointed to be convened held & kept for the Governments service at the Meeting House in Watertown, on Wednesday the Twenty ninth day of May next to attend the Governments service on s^{d} day & so de

Die in Diem during their session or sessions. Also after a Moderator chosen &c To raise money towards defreying the charge of the Town the currant year.

Also to hear the report of any com^{tee} or choose any com^{tee} that may be necessary. Assembled as aforesaid.

Representatives. Voted, To send three Representatives to the Gen^{ll}. Court, (viz) one from each Precinct. Then Joseph Palmer, Eben^{r}. Thayer & Jon^{a}. Bass were chosen.

Then Thos. Penniman, Esqr. was chosen Mod^{r}. and the Meeting was adjourned to monday the tenth day of June next at two o'clock P.M. at this place.

[298] 1776 June 5th.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d} to vote in town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precenct in said Town, Pursuant to Legall Warrants, the particulars are as follows, (viz.) After a Moderator Chosen &c.

First, to bring in their votes for a Register of Deeds within said County of Suffolk, also to choose any Town Officers that may be necessary.

Secondly, To act on any thing proposed at the last meeting which now stands adjourned if the Town think proper.

as also, the affair of the Militia refer^{d}. to s^{d} meeting from march last.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Mr. William Penniman moderator.

Votes for Register of Deeds. Then the votes were brought in for a Register of Deeds for the County which was sealed up & delivered to a Constable.

Surveyor of Highways Captn Eliphalet Sawing was chosen Surveyor of Highways.

Surveyor of Lumber. Gaius Thayer was chosen Surveyor of Lumber.

Com^{tee} to wait upon the Rev^{d} M^{r}. Wiburt. Voted, That Dea^{n}. Daniel Arnold Samuel Niles Esqr. Thomas Penniman Esqr. be a committee to return the thanks of this Town to the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Anthony Wiburt for the suitable discourse delivered by him at our meeting in may last.

Treasurer allowance £3 — Voted, To allow the Treasurer three pounds ꝑ annum for two years past

Accept Mr. Clark as Constable in stead of Maj. Hayden. Voted to accept Mr. Hobart Clark as Constable in the stead of Maj. Ben^{a}. Hayden provided he gives Bonds to indemnify the Town from any Damage they shall sustain by any default of s^{d} Clarks in s^{d} office.

Money raised £150 — Voted, That One Hundred and & fifty pounds be assessed on the Polls & rateable Estates within said Town towards defreying the Town's Charges this Currant year.

Com^{tee} to settle with the Treasurer. Voted, That Dea^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Capt. Wales, & Capt Penniman, be a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

[299] 1776 July 15th.

Anno Domini 1776.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to Vote in Town Affairs, being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle precinct in said Town, pursuant to legall Warrants, the Particulars are as follows, viz. after a moderator chosen &c.

First, to choose a Town Clerk.

Secondly, to choose a Town Treasurer.

Thirdly, to consider & determine what further Incouragement the Town will give to such persons as shall inlist in the present Expidition against our avowed Enemys in the Government of Canada.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

a motion was made to choose the Town Clerk by ballot, past in the affirmative.

Treasurer to serve Gratis. Then a motion was made that if the office of Town Clerk & Treasurer shall fall into one mans hands he shall not make any Demands on the Town for his Service as Treasurer, past in the affirmative.

Town Clerk. Clerk took the oath required by law. Then the Votes were called for, for a Town Clerk, when collected and examined it appeared that Ebenezer Thayer tertius was chosen, and then sworn into ye office.

Then the votes were called for, for Town Treasurer when Collected & examined it appeared that Ebenezer Thayer tertius was chosen.

Treasurer The Treasurer being asked by the moderator whether he would serve the Town Gratis, he answer'd in the affirmative.

Polls Exempted from paying. Then a motion was made and seconded to exempt the Polls from paying any part of the money that shall be Voted to day as an Encouragement to those that shall inlist in the present expidition to Canada. The Question being putt it past in the affirmative.

Encouragement. Voted, to give to each non Commission Officer & Soldier that shall inlist in the present Expidition to Canada Six pounds six shillings eight pence in addition to the bounty allowed by the Court, to be paid to them upon their receiving Orders to march out of this Colony.

Selectmen to procure the money. Voted, That the Selectmen procure the money & pay the men upon their Receiving the Orders as aforesaid.

Commee to Transfer the Books &c Voted to choose a Committee to Transfer the Book &c into the Clerks & Treasurer's hands, accordingly, Decn James Penniman Cap. Nathaniel Wales, Colo Jonathan Bass, & Dean Daniel Arnold was chosen.

August 19th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd to vote in Town affairs being assembled

at the Meeting House in the middle precenct in said Town, pursuant to legall Warrants, the particulars are as follows (viz)

After a moderator chosen &c.

First to Consider & Determine whether the Town will raise money in addition to the Court Bounty, sufficient to hire the men that are ordered by the General Court to be Raised in this Town to go on the present Expidition to Canada.

[300] Secondly, to choose any Committee or Committees that the Town shall think proper.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Money raised. Voted, that one Hundred & Twenty six pounds, thirteen shillings & four pence be assessed on the Polls & Rateable Estates within said Town for the purposes hereafter mentioned

Reimbursed to those persons that advance money to the troops. Voted, to Reimburse the money to those persons that Imbursted it to forrow'd the Troops on the present Expidition to Canada, for the North & middle precencts in s^{d} Town.

South precenct allowance. Voted, that the South precenct be allow'd 6/19 out of the above sum which is equal to fourty pounds, for the use & expense of Hiring men to go on the aforesaid Expidition to Canada, out of the s^{d}. South Precent in s^{d} town.

Selectmen to settle with the persons. Voted, that the Selectmen be a Committee to Settle with those persons that have Imbursted the moneys to pay the Troops aforesaid.

Com. to Hire men Voted, to Raise a Committee to procure the first Levy of every Twenty fifth man in this town agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court, when call for upon the Reasonable Tearms they can & lay their acco^{ts}. before the Town.

Committee Voted, That this Committee consist of three, viz. Capt. Edmond Billings, Decn^{r}. James Penniman, & Deac^{n}. Peter Thayer.

Those in Con^{ll}. army, Polls exempted. Voted, to Exempt those persons from their Poll Tax that are in the Contenantel Army, that marched out of this Town before the first Day of June last.

September 23^{d}.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precent in said Town Pursuant to Legall Warrants, the Particulars are as follows, (viz)

After a moderator chosen.

First, To Consider and determine what Incouragement each man shall have that shall engage in the General service against our unnatural enemies, in consequence of the Last Requesition from the Continentiel Congress, & agreed on by the Great & General Court of this State.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Samuel Niles Esqr. moderator.

Encouragement to the Soldiers. Voted, That each soldier that

shall engage to go to New York, in Complyance with the Requesition of the Continentiel Congress, shall have six pounds ℔ month including what is allow'd by the Congress during the time of his being in the service.

Advance pay Voted, to advance to each soldier that shall engage as above, Two pounds, to be paid him previous to his marching.

Selectmen to pay ye advance money. Voted, That the Selectmen procure the money & pay — to each man the aforesaid sum of Two pounds.

[301] Declaration of Independence.

In Congress July 4th. 1776, A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States of America In General Congress Assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the Earth, the Separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent Respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the Cause which impel them to the separation.

We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are Created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among Men deriving their just Powers from the Consent of the Governed, that whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these Ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute New Government, laying its Foundation on such Principles, and organizing its powers in such Form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be Changed for light and Transient causes; and accordingly all Experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while Evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the Forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long Train of Abuses and Usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a Design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their Right, it is their Duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future Security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of Government.

The History of the Present King of Great Britain is a History of repeated Injuries and Usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this let Facts be submitted to a candid World.

He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the publick Good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass laws of immediate and pressing Importance, unless suspended in their Operation untill his Assent should be obtained ; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large Districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the Right of Representation in the Legislature, a Right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only.

He has called togeather Legislative Bodies at Places unusual uncomfortable, and distant from the Depository of their publick Records, for the sole purpose of Fatiguing them into Compliance with his Measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the Rights of the People

He has refused for a long Time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected ; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their Exercise ; the State remaining in the mean Time exposed to all the Dangers of Invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the Population of these States ; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners ; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

He has made judges dependent on his Will alone, for the Tenure of their offices, and the amount & Payment of their Salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harrass our People and eat out their substance.

He has kept amoung us, in Times of Peace, Standing Armies without the consent of our Legislatures.

He has effected to Render the Military independent of, and superior to the civil power.

He has combined with others to subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws ; giving his assent to their acts of pretended Legislation.

For quartering large Bodies of armed Troops among us :

For protecting them, by a mock Trial from Punishment for any Murders which they should commit on the Inhabitants of these States :

For cutting off our Trade with all parts of the World :

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent :

For depriving us, in many cases, of the Benefits of Trial by Jury :

For transporting us beyond seas to be tried for pretended offences :

For abolishing the free system of English Laws in a neighbouring Province, establishing therein an arbitrary Government, and enlarging its Boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example

and fit Instrument for introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters, abolishing our most valuable Laws, and altering fundamentally the Forms of our Governments:

For suspending our own Legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to Legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and Waging War against us.

[303] He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our People.

He is, at this Time transporting large armies of foreign Mercenaries to compleat the Work of Death, Desolation, and Tyranny, already begun with Circumstances of cruelty and Perfidy scarcely parralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and Totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our Fellow Citizens, taken Captive on the High Seas, to bear Arms against their Country; to become the Executioners of their Friends and Brethren or to fall themselves by their Hands.

He has excited Domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of Warfare, is an undistinguished Destruction of all ages, sexes, and conditions.

In every Stage of these Oppressions we have petitioned for Redress, in the most humble Terms: our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated Injurys! A Prince, whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a Free People!

Nor have we been wanting in Attention to our British Brethren. We have warned them from Time to Time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our Emigration and settlement here. We have appealed to their native Justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the Ties of our common kindred to disavow these Usurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our Connexions and correspondence. They too have been deaf to the Voice of Justice and of Consanguinity, we must, therefore acquiesce in the necessity which denounces our separation, and hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, Enemies in War; in Peace, Friends.

We therefore the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our Intentions, do, in the Name and by the authority of the Good People of these Colonies, solemnly Publish and Declare, that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States: that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political connexions between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved: and that as Free and Independent states, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all

other Acts and Things which Independant States may of Right do. And for the support of this Declaration with a firm Reliance on the Protection of Divine Providence, we [304] mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by Order and in behalf of the Congress.

John Hancock, President.

Attest, Charles Thompson, Secretary.

In Council, July 17th. 1776.

Ordered, that the Declaration of Independance be printed; and a copy sent to the Ministers of each Parish, of every Denomination, within this State; and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine Service is ended, in the Afternoon, on the First Lord's-Day after they shall have received it: and after such Publication thereof to deliver the said Declaration to the Clerk of their several Towns or Districts; who are hereby required to record the the same in their respective Town or District Books, there to remain as a perpetual Memorial theirof

In the Name, and by Order of the Council

R. Derby, Jun. President

A true Copy Attest.

John Avery, Dep. Sec'y

A true Copy Attest.

Ebenezer Thayer tertius, Town Clerk.

Novr. 26th.

Warrant. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precenct in sd Town pursuant to Legall Warrants, the Particulars are as follows.

Viz. after a moderator chosen.

First To see if the Town will augment the wages of those men that are ordered by the General Court to be Draughted to go on the present Expidition

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Samuel Niles Esqr. moderator.

Encouragement Voted, to augment the wages including what is allow'd by the General Court to Five pounds ℔ month for each man that shall engage in the present expidition provided he shall march out of this State, during the Time he is in the service.

Selectmen & Committee impowd to hire. Voted, That in case there is not a sufficient number of the Inhabitants of this Town which shall Inlist immediately for the encouragement above offered, Then the Field Officer, together with the Selectmen & Com. of Correspondence be impowered to hire the men in any Town for the same Encouragement.

Adjournment. Then the meeting was adjournd to monday next 4, o'clock afternoon.

[305] 1776 Decr. 2d.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at

the Meeting House in the middle precenct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrant, the particulars are as follows viz) after a moderator chosen

First, To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to call in so much of the Towns Money that is upon Interest as is sufficient to Defrey the Charges of the Town this present year, or otherwise Raise a sum that may be Sufficient for the purpose aforesaid

Secondly, To Consider & Determine whether the Town will in Complyance with a Resolve of the House of Representatives of this state of the 17th. of September last, Consent that said House togeather with the Council of said State, should agree upon a Constitution and form of Government.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Dean. James Penniman, Modr.

Treasr. to Recc Indorse any sum on the Bond. Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to Receive of those persons that are Indebted to the Town any sum that is agreeable to them to pay & endorse the same on their Bonds, & make Report to the Town of what sum he has received upon the adjournment of this meeting.

Adjournment. The meeting being thin it was thought proper not to act on the other Article that is in the Warrant but to adjourn, accordingly, it was Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 16th. instant at one o'clock in the afternoon at this place.

Decr. 2d.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 26th. of November last. The Moderator not being present the Cleark calld for a nomination for a Moderator pro Temporary, Decn Penniman was chose.

Encouragement of 20s. ℔ month, in addition to the former vote. Voted, to allow to each soldier that shall engage in the Present Expedition twenty shillings ℔ month, during the Time he is in the Service in addition to the sum that was Voted, the 26th. of Novr.

Meeting dissolvd. Then the Meeting was adjournd to Monday the 16th. instt. after the other meeting, at this Place. This meeting was dismised Dec. 16th.

Decr. 16th.

Assembled and adjourned. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the second Day of this Instant. The meeting being thin was thought proper to adjourn, accordingly it was Voted to adjourn this meeting for three Weeks from this Day to meet at this place at two oclock in the afternoon.

[306] 1777, January 6th.

Anno Domini 1777.

Assembled by adjournnt. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 16th. day of December, last.

Money Raised Voted, That the sum of Nine Hundred pounds be assessed on the Polls and Rateable Estates within said Town Towards defreying the Charges of said Town.

adjourned. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the same Day that the Anniversary Town meeting in March for the choice of Town officers is ; after that meeting is over.

Feby. 17th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle precenct in said Town Pursuant Legall Warrants, the Particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen &c.

First, To consider and do what the Town may think proper for the Encouragement of Inlisting men for the Continental Army now Required.

Secondly, For the Town to Determine with Respect to the Poll Tax of those in the Continental army Last sumer in the Town tax, as they are Excused in the Province Tax.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n}. James Penniman Moderator.

Voted, to choose a Committee to hire the men that are Requested by the General Court to be raised in this Town for the Continental Army.

Com^{e} for hireing men. Voted, that this Committee Consist of Twenty seven 9 in each parish afterward there was one more added in each parish which makes 30 in all who are impowered by the Town to hire such men as will answer, upon the Reasonablest Terms they can be had, then Norton Quincy Esqr. Capt. Edmund Billings, Capt P. B. Adams, Dec^{n} Arnold, Dec^{n}. Adams, Mr. James Clark, Lieut. Joseph Baxter, Capt. Thomson Baxter, Capt. John Hall, Capt. Moses Brackitt, Dec^{n}. Penniman, Cap Wales, Cap French, Cap. Vinton, Cap Holbrook Lieut Thomas Hollis, Cap Wild, Eben. Thayer 3^{d} Mr Az. Faxon, Cap White Col^{o} Bass, Cap Sawen, Cap Penniman, Mr Joseph Gouch, Ens^{n}. Spear, Lieut Hayward, Lieut Moses Spear, Lieut. Jacob Wales, Dec^{n} Wild and Lieut Linsfield was chosen for said Committee.

Those in the Cont^{l}. Army Exempt from Poll tax. Voted, to Exempt those person from their Poll Tax to the Town Tax who was in the Continental Army last sumer & march^{d} to New York as Soldiers in s^{d} Cont. Army.

Selectmen to Borrow Money. Voted, the Select men be directed to Borrow the money that may be wanted to hire the men for the Continental Army & furnish the above s^{d} Com. therewith as it may be wanted to pay of the men. Adjourned to March 3^{d} at this Place 9 o'clock in morning.

March 3^{d}

Selectmen draw the money out the Treasury — The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 17th. of Feby last, Voted, the

Selectmen draw the money out the Treasury if they have occasion for it to hire the men for the Continental Army.

Adjourned to Wednesday 12 inst 2 o'clock P.M. this place.

[307] 1777, March 3d

Anno Domini 1777. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled, at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town, Pursuant to Legall Warrants to Transact the affairs of said Town Particulars whereof as inserted in said Warrants are as follows

Viz. After a Moderator Chosen &c.

First, To Choose all such Town Officers for the Ensuing year as the Law directs, also a Committee of Safety agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court, also, bring in their votes for a County Treasurer, within said County.

Secondly, To Consider and Determine respecting the Town's vote in Jany. 1775, with Relation to paying the train band Soldiers for their Exercise in February and March, 1775.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will allow of an Inoculating Hospital for the Small Pox in the South Parish in said Town.

Fourthly, To Determine respecting the repairing the Highways with said Town the Ensuing Year.

Fifthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committees that may be necessary.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Deacn. James Penniman Moderator.

Clerk & Treasr. Nominated and chose Ebenezer Thayer Tertius Town Clerk & also Treasurer for the ensuing year

Conslle allowance Constable Then Proceeded to the choice of Constables, after Voting to allow to each Constable that Serve the Ensuing year forty shillings for Collecting the Tax's The Town to make what allowance to the Treasurer the end of the year they shall think Proper for his services. Joseph Baxter, Caleb Hobart Jr & Noah Thayer, chosen Constables.

Selectmen Voted, to choose seven Selectmen for the Ensuing Year, who may serve the Town as Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, and Assessors and that they serve the Town Gratis, Excepting as assessors, and to be Chosen two in each Precenct and one at Large, then the following Gentlemen were chosen. Capt. Peter Boylston Adams, Decn. Daniel Arnold, Mr. Hobart Clark, Capt Samuel Holbrook, Jonathan Bass, Esqr. Thomas Penniman Esqr. and Norton Quincy Esqr.

Then a motion was made & secondd. to take up the third artical in the Warrants and act upon it this Time, the Question being putt, past in the affirmative

Town Vote Respg. Small Pox Hospl. Voted, the Town will not consent that there should be an Inoculating Hospital for the small Pox within this Town.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Wednesday, 12, inst. 9 o'clock A.M. at this Place.

March 12

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from the third Day of this Instant

The Warden act being Read proceeded to the choice of Wardens, Captn. John Hall, M^{r}. Samuel Arnold, Lieut. Nath^{ll}. Niles.

Com^{s} of Safety. Capt. Edmond Billings, Capt. Thomson Baxter Dec^{n} Eben^{r} Adams Capt. Nathaniel Wales, Capt. Jonathan Thayer, Ebenezer Thayer ter^{s}. Cap. Eliphalet Sawen, Ens^{n}. Isaac Spear, Lieut. Nathaniel Niles.

Assizors of Bread. Capt. Moses Brackett, Mr. Azar^{h}. Faxon, Thomas Penniman Esqr.

Tythingmen. Dec^{n}. Benjamin Bass, Mr. Nathl. Capen, Lieut. Zacheius Thayer.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mes^{s}. Ebenezer Field, Gaius Thayer and Joseph White Junr.

Fence Viewers. Mes^{r}. John Hall, James Clark, Thomas Hollis Jn^{r}. Nathl. Capen, Isaac Spear, Nehe^{h}. French.

Fire Wardens. Mes^{s}. Moses Adams, James Thayer, & Seth Man, Junr.

Culler of Staves. Mes^{r}. Gaius Thayer & Joseph White Junr.

Sealer of Shingles. Mr. Gaius Thayer.

Sealers of Leather. M^{r}. Joseph Baxter, and Abijah Allen.

Voted, the High Ways in said Town be Repaired in the same manner, as the Last year, Viz. one Day's Work to a single Poll, and the Estates proportionably, and that a Days Work be sett at three shillings and the same proportion for other Work on the Ways, which is adding one third to the price Voted, by this Town at their meeting May 21st. 1764.

Surveyors of Highways. Capt. Edmond Billings, Capt. Brackett, Dea^{n}. Arnold, Moses Adams Seth Spear Mes^{s}. Micah Wild, Samuel Curtis, Micah Thayer, Lieut David Holbrook Capt. Nathaniel Wales Cap^{n}. Jonathan Thayer, Mr. James Thayer, Lieut. Nathl. Niles, Ens^{n}. Isaac Spear, Lieut. Moses Spear, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, Lieut Simeon Thayer, Mes^{s}. W^{m}. Linsfield 3^{d} Joshua French.

Voted, That swine may run at Large the ensuing year.

Hogg Reaves. Captn. John Hall, Mes^{r}. William Field, Silas Lovell John Thayer 2^{d}. Nathaniel French, James Thayer, David Sloane Joseph Belcher.

Com^{e} for fish. Voted, That Cap Wales, Cap Thayer, & Cap. French be a Committee to see the Fish are not obstructed in their pasing to and from the Ponds, by dams and are not taken on any other Day in the Week only the same as was the last year (viz) Monday, Wednesday & Fridays.

[309] 1777 March 12th.

Voted, the Town will not alow of any person fishing in the Chan-

nell within the Limits of this Town for Smelts. Voted, to choose a Committee to see that the Fish called Smelts are not obstructed by fishing in the Channell.

Com^{e} to prevent the obstructing of the Smelts in the Channell. Captn. Thomas White, Mes^{r}. Samuel Arnold & William Allen was chose a Com^{e}. for the above purpose, who are also to apply to the Town of Weymouth at their meeting and desire of them to pass a Vote to prevent any body from Obstructing the smelts in the Channell in the Fore River so called) within the limits of their Town.

County Treas^{r}. The Votes were brought in for a County Treasurer and sealed up.

Militia to be paid for exercising Voted, the Selectmen Examine the militia Rolls for their Training in the month of February and March 1775, and draw upon the Treasurer for the sum that is Due on each Roll in favour of the Commanding Officers of each Company, and that they are to pay it to the respective persons bourn on said Rolls.

Amunition to remain with those that have it Voted, that the ammunition that has been draw'd out of the Town's stock upon the alarms Remains in the hands of those who have it 'till the further Orders of this Town.

Com to Treat w^{h} Doct^{r} Wales Voted, to choose a Committee to Treat with Doct^{r}. Wales with respect to his Inoculation for the Small pox, contrary to the vote of Town and make Report to this meeting upon the adjournment. accordingly, Capt Vinton, Capt Adams & Lieut Niles was chose.

Voted to choose a Com^{e}. to settle with Treas^{r}. Voted, To Choose a Committee of three, to settle with the Heirs of Elisha Niles Esqr. dec^{sd}. the former Treasurer, and to settle with the present Treasurer & also to consider Respecting some Orders & Recepts & (Minutes) of their former Treasurers which are lost or miss lay^{d}. & act upon them as they think proper.

Accept^{d}. of Jno. Hobart sec^{d} as Constable Then Mr. Caleb Hobart Junr. presented his son John Hobart sec^{d} to serve as Constable in his place & stead. The Town Voted to accept the said John Hobart sec^{d}. to serve as Constable &c provided the said Caleb, gives Bonds for the Towns Security as usual.

Com^{e}. to settle with Treas^{r}. The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer and for the purposes aforesaid are Dec^{n}. Penniman, Dec^{n} Arnold & Capt Wales.

Voted, To adjourn this meeting to Tuesday 25, inst. 4 o'clock P.M. this place.

March 12th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from the third inst.

Voted, to allow to each Soldier that belongs to this Town who Inlisted into the Continental Army before the Towns Comm^{e} appointed for that purpose meet, the same sum said Committee Voted to allow those persons that shou^{d}. hereafter Inlist.

Voted, to adjourn to Tuesday 25, inst. 3, o'Clock P.M. this place.

[310] 1777 March 25th.
Anno Domini, 1777.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 12th. inst. for the purpose of Raising Men for the Continental Army. Voted to adjourn to monday 14th. April 3 o'clock P.M. this place.

March 25th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 12th. inst. to act on articles contained in the Warrants for the anniversary Town Meeting in March.
Conste. South Parish. Voted, To excuse Noah Thayer from serving as constable the ensuing year, made choice of Ensn. Isaac Spear to serve as Constable the ensuing year.
Report of the Come Respecg. the Hospital. The Committee appointed to treat with Doctr. Wales, Reported they had waited on him & had measured the distance from the Hospital to the Road & found it to be one Hundred and fifteen roods.
The meeting being thin, Voted to postpone the affair of the Hospital untill our anniversary Town Meeting in May next.
Come to lay Doctr. Wales under Restrictions Voted, to choose a Committee (of five men) to lay Doctr. Wales under such Restrictions as they think proper. accordingly Cap Penniman, Capt Sawen, Lieut. Eph. Thayer, Cap Wild & Lieu Moses Spear were chose for that purpose.
Then the Meeting was adjourned to Monday 14th. of April next 2 o'Clock P.M. this place.

April 14th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 25th. March to act on the Warrants for the Anniversary Town Meeting in March.
Acceptd of Isaac Spear Junr as Conste Then Ensn. Isaac Spear presented his son Isaac Spear, junr to serve as Constable in his place and stead. The Town Voted, to accept the said Isaac Spear Junr. to serve as Constable &c. provided the said Isaac Spear Senior gives Bonds for the Towns Security as usual. the Business being finished the Moderator Desolvd the Meetg.

April 14th.
The Meeting for the purpose of Raising Men for the Continental Army adjourned from 25th March last brought forward and adjourned to Thursday 24th. inst. 4, o'clock P.M. this Place.

April 24th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled, by adjournment from the fourteenth day of April

inst. Dec^{n}. Penniman the Moderator being absent made choice of Cap Edmund Billings Moder^{r}. P.T.

Voted, To adjourn the meeting to the Day that the annu^{l}. meeting in May next.

[311] 1777 May 15th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to Vote in the choice of a Representative, also those Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct in said Town, for the Choice of Representatives and also for the transacting other affairs of said Town, the Particulars whereof as inserted in the Warrants are as follows, viz.

To Elect and depute one or more Persons to serve for and Represent them in the Great and General Court or assembly appointed to be convened held and keept for the Government Service at the State House in Boston in the County of Suffolk on Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May instant to attend the Government service on said day & so De Die in Diem during their session or sessions Also, After a Moderator chosen, To see if the Town will allow of one or more Inoculating Hospitals for the small Pox in said Town

Assembled as aforesaid.

Representative Voted, to send one Representative to the General Court the ensuing year Then Samuel Niles Esqr. was chosen to Represent the Town the ensuing year.

Moderator. Then Samuel Niles Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

The Question being putt to see if the Town will allow of any Inoculating Hospitals, past in the affirmative 121, against 70.

Small Pox Hospitals. Voted, that Docter Moses Baker have leave to sett up an Inoculating hospital in this Town to be under the Regulations and place appointed by the Selectmen of the Town and as the Law prescribes.

Voted, that Docter Wales have leave of this Town to continue his Hospital for Inoculating under the Limitation & Regulation of the Law & the Selectmen of the Town.

May 15th.

The Meeting for the purpose of Raising men for the Continental Army adjourned from the 24th. of April last brought forward

Com^{e}. Dismiss^{d}. Voted, to Dismiss the Committee that was chosen the 17th. of Febr^{y} last, to hire men for the Continental Army and to choose nine men as a Committee to hire the men and to settle with the former Committee who are to be paid for their services who are hereby Impowered to hire the men as they shall think proper for the Continental Army & make Report at the adjm^{t}.

Com^{e}. appointed Then Mr. James Clark Capt. Billings Dec^{n}. Arnold, Ebn^{r}. Thayer 3^{d}. Capt. Vinton, Capt. Holbrook Thos. Penniman Esqr. En^{s}. Isaac Spear, & Cap Sawen were chosen a Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

not to make any Draft. There being a prospect of a number of men being hired by the s^d^ Committee the Town thought proper not to make any Draft, notwithstanding the orders of the Court.

adj^n^. Voted, the Selectmen & Com^e^ of Safety &c do not make any draught for the Continental Army this Day. Then adj^n^. to Thursday next 4, o'Clock, P.M. this place.

[312] 1777 May 22^d^.

Anno Domini 1777.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the fifteenth Day of May inst. for the purpose of hire men for the Army.

allowance to those in the Cont^l^. Army, the last year. Voted, to allow those persons that was in the Continental Army last May and marched out of New England, who are not engaged in said army at this Time, the sum of Ten pounds for their sufferings the last year, provided they will now engage in said Continental Army for three years.

Com^e^ for hireing men. Voted, That the same Committee that was chosen the last meeting be the Committee to hire men for the Continental army untill the adjournment

adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting unto Monday the 9th. Day of June next at 5 oclock in the afternoon at this Place.

June 9th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^d^ to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Parish in said Town Pursuant to Legall Warrants the Particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen &c

First, To consider and agree upon a List of those persons belonging to this Town who are esteamed Inimical to this or the United States.

Secondly, To choose some person who is firmly attached to the American Cause to procure and lay before the Court appointed for the Tryal of those Inimical persons the Evidence that may be had of their Inimical Disposition.

Thirdly, To see if the Town will Instruct their Representative Respecting a Constitution and form of Government for this State.

Fourthly, To choose some persons to prosecute all breaches of the act for preventing monopoly & oppression agreeable to said act.

Fifthly To see if the Town will make any further allowance to the Non Commissioned Officers who marched as a Reinforcement to the Continental Army last faul & last winter under the Command of Capt Nathl Belcher.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Dec^n^. James Penniman Moderator.

List presented by the Select men. Then the Selectmen presented a list to the Town of those persons they esteemed Inimical to the United States which is a follows, viz. Rev^d^. Edward Wins-

low, Maj^{r} Eben^{r}. Miller, John Cheesman, Mr. Joseph Cleverly, James Apthorp, William Veazie, Benj Cleverly, Oliver Gay, & Nedabiah Bent, all which was Voted by the Town to be persons esteemed Inimical

[313] Persons added to the aforesaid list by the Town. Then the following Persons was Nominated & voted to be added to the aforesaid List of Persons esteemed Inimical to the United States viz. Joseph Cleverly second, William Veazie jun^{r}. Henry Cleverly & Thomas Brackett.

Person to procure evidence. Then the votes being called for by the Moderator was brought in for a person to procure the evidence of the Inimical dispositions of the aforesaid persons, and lay them before the Court appointed for the Tryal of them.

Mr. William Penniman was unanimously chosen for the purpose.

Instructions to the Representative. Voted the Town at this present day think it not proper to Form a Constitution and and form of Government, therefore Instruct their Representative to use his influence that the same may be postponed until a future day.

Persons to prosecute breaches of the monopoly act. Then the Town proceeded to the Choice of seven persons to see that the Act to prevent Monopoly and oppression be not violated in this Town. Viz. Mr. James Clark, Dec^{n}. Benjn. Bass, Mr. William Penniman, Cap Thomas Newcomb, Capt. John Vinton, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, Lieut Matth^{w}. Cheesman, who was sworn to the faithfull performance of their Trust.

Then the Town voted not to allow any further sum to the Non Commisioned Officers who was at york under the Command of Cap Belcher. The Moderator Dissolved the meeting.

June 9th.

Com^{e} Reported the number of men engaged for the Continental army, since last meeting. adjournment. Then the meeting for Raising men for the Continental Army was brought forward which was adjourned from 22nd may last.

The Committee Reported that they have engaged seven men since the adjournment & have a prospect of engaged several more. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday 23^{d} of June ins^{t}. at four o'Clock P.M. at this Place.

June 23^{d}.

Com^{e} Reported the number of men engaged since last meeting

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the ninth day of June inst. for the purpose of hiring men for the Continental Army Dec^{n}. Penniman The Moderator being absent, made choice of Mr. William Penniman Moderator P.T.

The Committee Reported that they have engaged three men since the last meeting.

Voted, To continue the same Committee to hire men for the Continental army & make Report upon the adjournment.

adjournment. Voted, to Adjourn this meeting unto monday the 14th. day of July next 4 o'Clock afternoon to meet at this Place.

[314] 1777 July 14th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 23d of June last
Voted, to continue the same Committee for hiring men for the Continental Army.
Voted, to adjourn to monday 28th. of this Inst July 5, o'clock P.M.

28.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 14th. of July inst
Voted, to adjn to 18th. August next four o'clock P.M. to meet at this place.

August 13th.
Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Parish in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the Particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen &c
To see if the Town will augment the wages of those that shall be drafted to Reinforce the army at the Northward, agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court: also those ordered to Guard the Continental Stores within the State.
Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Mr William Penniman Moderator.
encouragement to those that will engage for 3, mo Voted, this Town will add four pounds ten shillings ℔ Kalender month in addition to the Continental & States pay to each Non-commissioned officer and soldier who shall well and faithfully perform the Service Required by the sd Resolve of the General Court of the 8th. august inst. for the Time they are in the service.
money to be advanced. Voted, To advance to each of the afore said men Nine pounds, upon his passing muster.
Selectmen to procure the money. Voted, That the Selectmen procure the money & pay the men agreeable to the above vote.
20 s. ℔ mo to be added to those that Guard the contin[l]. Stores.
Voted, To add Twenty shillings per Kalender month to each of the four men that shall engage to guard the Continental stores within this State for the Time they are in service.
adjournment Voted to adjourn to monday next 5 o'Clock P.M. to meet at this place.
August 18th. Mett pursuant to the above adjournment & dissolved the meeting.

August 18th.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree

being assembled by adjournment from the 28th July last, adjourned to Wednesday the 27th. Day of August instt 4 o'clock to meet at this place.

August 27th.

Several of the Freeholders mett according to the above adjournment, and adjourned to monday 8th. Septr next 4 o'clock P.M. to meet at this place.

[315] Anno Domini 1777.

September 8th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 27th. of August last for the purpose of hireing the men for the Continental Army.

Ebenr. Thayer to be Indemnified for not drafting the men for 8 mos. for Continll. army. Voted, That the Town now raise another Committee to use their utmost endeavours in this Town or elsewhere to procure a sufficient number of men to make up their Quota for the Continental army if possible; and likewise to Indemnify Colo. Ebenezer Thayer Ters from any Fine that may be laid on him in Omitting to Draft the men agreeable to a Resolve passd the 15th. day of august last, past. the fore going Vote being Read several times in the Town meeting andwas accepted.

William Penniman Moderator.

A true copy attest Ebenr. Thayer tert. Town Clerk.

Committee to hire men Voted, The aforesaid Committee consist of six men. Then Decn. Ebenezer Adams Mes. Joseph Baxter, William Penniman Capt. Silas Wild, Majr. Seth Turner, & Lieut Ephraim Thayer be a Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

Encouragement for those that Inlist Voted, to supply the families of those persons belonging to this Town who shall Inlist into the Continental Army with the necessaries of Life at the Stipulated price during the Time they are in Actual Service.

Selectmen to furnish the money Voted, The Selectmen furnish the said Committee with money to hire the men.

adjournment. The Meeting adjournd. to this Day fortinett at this place 4, o'clock afternoon.

September 22d.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the eighth inst. the town Clerk being absent, made choice of Cap Daniel Arnold Clerk pro Temporary. Meeting adjourned to this Day four Weeks 2 o'clock P.M.

October 20th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the twenty second of September last: Adjourned the Meeting to this Day four Weeks 2, o'clock P.M. to meet at this place.

Novr. 17th.

Assembled pursuant to the above adjournment and adjourned unto monday the first Day of December next at 3, o'Clock P.M.

Decr 1st.

Commee Report. Assembled pursuant to the above adjournment, the Committee appointed to hire the men for the Continental Army lay'^{d} before the Town a List of the Names of those persons engaged in the army for s^{d} Town with the sum each one Received, also the Time & expences each one of the Committee had expended in hireing the men.

Committee allowance meet^{g}. dissolved. Voted, to allow to the Committee twelve shillings ꝑ day for each one for the Time they spent out off this Town for the purpose of hireing men, also Voted, to allow Cap Vinton four shillings more per Day in addition to the 12s for the last thirty days he was at the eastward.

[316] 1777 December 1st.

Anno Domini 1777

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being Assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precinct in said Town, pursuant to Legall Warrants, the particulars are as follows.

After a moderator Chosen &c.

1st. To see if the Town will raise money towards defreying the Charges of said Town the present year.

2nd. To see if the Town will Supply the families of those persons in the Continental Army from this Town with the necessarys of Life at the Stipulated price.

3^{d}. To act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Mr. William Penniman moderator.

£1500 Voted to be assessed. Voted, the sum of Fifteen Hundred Pounds be assessed on the polls and Estates within said Town Towards defreying the Town Charges this present year.

The families of those in the Cont^{l}. army to be suppli^{d}. Voted, to supply the families of those persons in the Continental Army belonging to this Town with the necessarys of Life at the Stipulated price.

Committee to supply the fam^{yes}. Voted. To chuse a Committee to provide for the familees of the afores^{d}. persons such articles as they may want.

Then Voted, that Dec^{n}. Ebenezer Adams, Eben^{r}. Thayer, Junr. & Cap Eliphalet Sawen be a Committee who are to draw on the Treasurer for what moneys they may want for the aforesaid purpose.

Treasurer to give Security for sums of money Borrowed by the Selectmen. Voted, the Treasurer of this Town give his Security in the Capassaty of Treasurer & for his Successors in said office

for any Sums of Money the Selectmen of s^{d} Town have Borrow'^{d} for the use of said Town or for any sum they shall be directed by the Town to Borrow for the future.

Then the meeting was dissolved.

[317] 1777 December 22^{d}.

Anno Domini 1777.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd. to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precinct in said Town, pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows.

After a moderator Chosen &c.

1st. To see if the Town will pay the money to all those persons that have advanced Money for the purpose of hireing men for a Reinforcement for the Continental Army and for Guards within this State, and also hear the Request of any that was Sufferers the Last Campaign.

2^{d}. Consider and Determine whether the Town will adopt a method for Raising men for the future.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Money to be repaid to those that have advanc^{d}. it for hireing men & those that have been sufferers to be made whole. Voted, That this Town will Repay the money to all those persons that have paid money for a Reinforcement for the Continental Army & for Guards within this State & also make such reasonable allowance to all those that was Sufferers the last Campaign and also to this day, as a Committee who shall be chose for that purpose shall think proper.

Committee to be chose. Voted, To chuse a Committee of seven for the above purpose who are to make Report of the Town upon the annual meeting in March next of what sum shall be allowed to each person for his Sufferings.

The Committee Then Deac^{n}. Ebenezer Adams, Captn. Moses Brackett, Cap. Thos. White Maj^{r}. Benj^{a}. Hayden Mes^{s}. Joseph White Junr. Matthew Pratt & Joseph Baxter, was chose a Committee for the purpose aforesaid.

men to be hired for the future. Voted, that the men that shall be called for from this Town for the future for a Reinforcement for the Army and for Guards, shall be paid by the Town a Bounty that shall encourage them to Inlist and that there be a Committee appointed to procure the Men when ever there may be orders for any.

Voted, the Committee consist of nine, three in each precinct.

Com^{e} for hireing Men from time to time as they may be wanted. Then Capt. Peter B. Adams, Capt Thomson Baxter, Capt. Daniel Arnold, Capt. Thomas White, Mes^{s}. James Thayer, Ichabod Holbrook, William Linsfield Junr. Mattathias Cheesman & Nathl. Payne, was chose a Committee for the Purpose of hireing men.

Then the meeting was dissolved by a Vote of the Major part of the members then present & declared so by the Moderator.

1777, Decem^{r} 29

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town Affairs being Assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle precinct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator Chosen &c.

first, To see if the Town will make void & Dissanull all the votes that were past at their last meeting on the twenty second instant or such of them as they shall think proper.

Secondly, To see if the Town will chuse a Committee (who shall have it in their power) to give such Bounty's or encouragements to the men to be raised as they shall think proper and make a Draught on their Treasurer for the same or adopt any other methods that they shall think proper.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Voted not to act on this Warrant.

Captn. to be Joyn^{d}. to the Com^{e}. Voted to Reconsider the last Vote so far as to Joyn the Captains that belong to the Militia in this Town to the Committee appointed by the s^{d}. Town at their last meeting for the purpose of hireing men for the future.

1778 February 2^{d}.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to Vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle precinct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows after a moderator chosen.

Firstly, To see if the Town will approve of the Confederation agreed upon by Congress.

Secondly, To see if the Town will direct their Committee to hire men to Relieve those that are doing duty at Cambridge: Or propose any other method whereby they may be made easy to continue in said service

Assembled as aforesaid, Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

The articles of Confederation & perpetual union between the several States now Represented in the Continental Congress, having been laid before the Town, was distinctly and Repeatedly read and maturely considered whereupon. Voted, This Town do approve of the said Confederation; excepting the first clause in the ninth article where the United States in Congress assembled, have the sole and exclusive right and power of Determining on peace & war. The Town propose this amendment. The United States in Congress assembled shall first obtain the approbation of the Legislative Body of each of the United States or the Major part of them before they shall Determine on peace or war.

[319] Voted, that this Town will make up the wages of those Soldiers who are doing duty at Cambridge in Cap. Silas Wilds Comp^{y}. six pounds ℔ month from this Time Including what is or shall be allowed by the Court provided they continue in the service to the first day of April next The meeting disolved.

1778 March 2d.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd. to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precienct in said Town Pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen.

firstly, To Choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year, as the law directs also a Committee of safety &c. & County Treasurer.

secondly, To Determine respecting the repairing the Highways within said Town the ensuing year.

thirdly, To Determine whether the Town will consent that any of those persons who have been taken prisoners by any of the fleet or army of the United States shall Reside in this Town.

fourthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committees that may be necessary

fifthly, To act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Town Clerk & Treasurer. Nominated & Chose Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Town Clerk and also Treasurer for the ensuing year Town to make what allowance to the Treasurer for his services they may think proper at the end of ye year.

Constables allowance. Constables Voted to allow to the Constables in each parish four pounds for Collecting Taxes. Then proceeded to the Choice of Constables viz) Joseph Bass was chose & excused by the Town. Abraham Thayer was chose & sworn. March 10th. Noah Thayer was chose & paid his fine in the meeting then Lieut. Samuel Bass was chose for the North parish & paid his fine in the meeting, then Hezekiah Thayer was chose for the South parish and paid his fine upon the adjournment as is Recorded there

Voted, To choose seven Selectmen in the Town for the ensuing year.

Voted, two in each Precinct & one at large.

Voted, to pay the Selectmen for their Services the ensuing year

Selectmen. Then proceeded to the Choice of Selectmen who are as follows, viz — Captn. Peter Boylston Adams, Capt. Daniel Arnold Mr. Hobart Clark, Capt. Samuel Holbrook, Thomas Penniman Esqr. Mr. Joseph White Junr. & Colo Ebenezer Thayer Junr.

[320] Committee to settle with Josa French &c Voted, to choose a Committee to join with the Town of Weymouth to settle with Joshua French and William Reed for their obstructing the fish in the Channell between the said Town of Weymouth & this Town contrary to the Laws of this State Then Decn. Adams, Capt. French & Colo Billings was chose

Votes for County Treasr. Votes for a County Treasurer was brought in & sealed up & delivered to a Constable.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the 10th. Inst 10 o'clock, forenoon.

March 10th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the second day of this Instant, The Moderator not present made choice of Decn. James Penniman Modr.

Comee Impowd. to settle with those who have obstrucd. the fish in the Channell. Voted, To excuse Capt. French from serving on the Committee who are Chose to settle with Joshua French &c. as above Recorded & made Choice of Colo Ebenezer Thayer Junr. to serve in his stead.

Then, Voted, the aforesaid Committee be directed to settle with all persons who have before this Time Transgressd by obstructing the Fish in the Channell.

Wardens. The Warden act being Read proceeded to the choice of Wardens, Messs. William Glover, Micah Wild & Zacheius Thayer.

Come. of Safety &c. Colo Edmund Billings Lieut James Clark, Capt. John Hall, Capt. Nathl. Wales, Capt. Jonathan Thayer Captn Moses French, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, Ensn. Isaac Spear, Lieut. Nathaniel Niles.

Assizors of Bread. Capt. Moses Brackett, Mr Azariah Faxon, Ths. Penniman Esqr.

Tythingmen. Capn Daniel Arnold, Ensn. Thomas Thayer, Decn. Jonathan Wild.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mess. Ebenezer Field, Gaius Thayer and Joseph White Junr.

Fence Viewers. Decn. Benjamin Bass, Decn. Ebenezer Adams, Captn Nathaniel Wales, Mess. Jonathan Hayward Hezekiah Thayer & Deering Spear.

Fire Wardens. Mess. Moses Adams James Thayer and Seth Man Junr.

Cullers of Staves Messr. Gaius Thayer, and Joseph White junr.

Sealer of Shingles Mr. Gaius Thayer.

Sealers of Leather. Messs. Joseph Baxter & Abijah Allen.

Sealer of Wood. Lieut Ebenezer White.

Surveyors of Highways. Voted, To repair the Highways in this Town this present year by a Tax as usual one Days Labour to a single Poll & the Estates in the same proportion and that a days work be sott at six shillings ℔ Day and so in the same proportion for other work done on the ways. Then proceeded to the choice of Surveyors Captn. Moses Brackett, Ensn. Samuel Bass, Mess. James Brackett jr Benjamin Field, Decn. Benjamin Bass, Capt. Nathaniel Wales, Mess. Micah Wild, James Thayer, Abijah Allen, Azariah Faxon, Adam Hobart, Nehemiah Holbrook, Cornelus White, Jona. Wales, Ichabd. Holbrook junr. Elisha Wales, Seth Man Junr. Majr Joshua Howard

[321] Voted That swine may run at Large the ensuing year.

Hogg Reaves. Elijah Veazie Junr. Dec^{n}. Benj^{a} Bass, James Denton Lemuel Veazie, Matthew Pratt, & Matathias Cheesman.

Com^{e} for Fish. Com^{e} to take care that the fish are not obstructed in Channell. Voted Capt Wales Capt. Jon^{a} Thayer & Capt French be a Committee to see the fish are not obstructed in passing to and from the Ponds by Dams and are not taken on any other Days of the Week only the same as was the last year.

Then Voted, Mes^{r}. Samuel Arnold, Ebenezer White & Ambrose Salisbury be a Committee to see that the smelts are not obstructed in the Channell.

Hez. Thayer p^{d} ye fine Then Hezekiah Thayer who was chosen a Constable the second Instant paid the fine in the meeting.

further allowance to the Constables. Then Voted, to allow to each Constable who shall serve the Town this ensuing year Three pounds in addition to the four pounds voted them the second Instant for Collecting the Tax.

Constable Then Joseph Brackett was chose a Constable for the North Parish and Mattathias Cheesman for the South, who was Sworne into the office.

An Allowance to the Constables for the last year. Voted To allow to the three Constables that served the last year fourty shillings to each for their extraordinary Truble in Collecting so large a Tax.

Voted, to Dismiss the third article in the Warrant.

Report of the Com^{e}. that Transferred the Books &c. The Committee appointed the 15th. July 1776, To Transfer the Book &c from the former Treasurer & Clerk to the present Treasurer & Clerk, Reported that they had attended that service & had Transfered all the Books, Bonds, & other papers, that was in the hands of Elisha Niles Esqr. dec^{d}. to the Present Clerk & Treasurer Col^{o} Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Voted, accepted by the Town.

Report of the Commee that settled with the Treasurer. The Committee appointed the 12th. of March 1777, To settle acco^{t} with the Heirs of Elisha Niles Esqr. dec^{d}. the Former Treasurer & with Col^{o} Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r} the present Treasurer, Offered their Report to the Town which was Voted accepted & stands, Recorded in the Treasurers Book Voll. 2^{d}. folio 273 —

Treasurer allowance allowance to Lieut. Cheesman for Counterfitt Bill Then Voted, to allow our Treasurer six pounds for his Services the year past, also voted to allow to Lieut Cheesman fourty eight shillings for a Counterfet Bill he Rec^{d}. of our Treasurer in June last

To settle with Brig^{r} Palmer Voted, Dec^{n}. Penniman, Capt. French & Col^{o}. Billings be a Committee to settle with Dec^{n}. Palmer.

To settle with Treas^{r} Voted, Dec^{n}. Penniman Capt Wales & Capt Arnold be a Com^{e} to settle with ye Treasurer.

Selectmen to provide for those in army. Voted, That the Selectmen provide for the families of those in the Continental Army & also settle with the Committee who was appointed for that purpose

Com^{e} to hire Men. Voted, To Choose a Committee to hire

what men may be ordered from this for Reinforcements to the army or for Guards.

Adjournment. Then the five Militia Captains was chose, viz. Capt Arnold, Hollis, Sawen, Belcher & Wild & Lieut. Clark who are to be paid for their services. Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the Annual meeting in May is on.

[322] 1778 March 20th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to Vote in Town affairs being assembled, at the, Meeting House in the Middle Precient in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrant the particulars are as follows after a Moderator chosen

First, To Consider & Determine whether the Town will give their Committee who are appointed to hire men for this Town any Directions of what sums of money shall be given the men who shall engage pursuant to the Orders of the General Court of the thirteenth Instt or otherwise Determine whether the Town will adhere to their vote in December last, Respecting hireing men for Guards &c. for the future & provided they should to make some provision for ye money to pay to them.

Secondly, To act on any other Matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Capt. Peter B. Adams Moderator.

Voted, the Commanding officer of the Company be considered as one of the Committee for hireing men.

Come for hireing men. Voted, To add three in each Precient to the Committee appointed by this Town the 10th. instt to hire men &c

Then the following Gentlemen was chose, Viz. Colo. Edmd. Billings Capt. John Hall, Capt. Moses Brackett, Colo. Ebenr Thayer Junr. Mess. Ichabod Holbrook, William Penniman Junr. Majr. Turner Mes Joseph White Junr. & Matthias Cheesman.

Selectmen to provide money for sd comt. Voted, That the Selectmen furnish the Committee with what money may be wanted for the aforesaid purpose.

Voted, to pay the men that marched with Capt. Penniman last fall as a Reinforcement for the Northern Army from the time they marched to the last Day of November, provided they were in the service to that time.

Families of those in Contil. Army to be supplyd. Voted, to supply the families of those in the Continental Army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court

Then the meeting was Dissolved.

[323] 1778 April 13th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town pursuant

to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows after a Moderator chosen

First, To Consider and Determine whether the Town will approve of the Constitution and form of Government proposed & agreed upon by the Convention of this State.

Secondly, To Determine what method shall be taken to procure, the shirts, Stockings and shoes for the Soldiers in the Continental army from this Town agreeable to an Order of Court.

Thirdly To Consider & Determine whether it is not for the Interest of this Town to raise a sum of money Towards defraying the charges of said Town, or of any other purpose that may be thought proper; and to act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid Samuel Niles Esqr. Moderator.

The Constitution and Form of Government as was proposed by the Convention of this State being Read Voted, to Chuse a Committee to take the same under Consideration & Report upon the adjournment then the following Gentlemen was Chosen Viz. Capt. Peter B. Adams, Col^{o} Billings, Lieut Clark, Cap. Arnold, Capt Hall, Dec^{n}. Penniman, M^{r}. W^{m}. Penniman, Cap French, Capt. Wales, M^{r}. Hobart Clark Doct^{r}. Baker, Capt Penniman Lieut. Niles Dec^{n}. Wild & Capt. Sawen for said Committee.

Voted, That the Selectmen provide the Stockings, Shoes, & Shirts for the Soldiers as soon as possible.

Voted, That the Selectmen prepair a list of Debts that is Due from the Town & lay the same before s^{d} Town upon the adjournment

Voted, That there be one or more Inoculating Hospital or Hospitals for the small Pox sott up in this Town in such places as the Selectmen shall approve off & be under the Regulation & Direction of the Selectmen

Voted, s^{d} Hospitals be not continued more than three weeks from the Time they begin to Inoculate & that no Person be allowed to come from any other Town to be Inoculated.

Then the meeting was adjourned to the Day the annual meeting in May may be on.

[324] 1778 April 27th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in s^{d} Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

First, To see if the Town will Reconsider their vote past at the last meeting for allowing one or more Inoculating Hospitals for the Small pox in said Town.

Secondly, To see if the Town will act on any artical that was Inserted in the last warrants which is adjourned to the annual meeting in May next.

Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n}. James Penniman Moderator.

Voted, To, Reconsider the Vote passed the 13th. inst. for allowing one or more Inoculating Hospitals in sd Town.

then the meeting was dissolved.

May 18th.

Representative. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town for the choice of a Representative pursuant to a precept directed to the Selectmen signed by the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk, made choice of Samuel Niles Esq to Represent the Town in the Great & General Court or assembly the ensuing year.

May 18th.

Report of the Committee. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the tenth day of March last. The Committee that was chosen the twenty second Day of December last to consider of those persons that have been sufferers by Reason of the War, in the year 1776 & 1777, Offerd their Report to the Town which was not accepted.

Abrm. Thayer excused from servg Constable Voted That Mr. Abraham Thayer be excused from serving as Constable this year & during his life.

Isaac Thayer to serve as Constable. Voted, that Capt Isaac Thayer serve as Constable for the Town of Braintree the ensuing year in his own turn & Receive the same allowance that was Voted, to his father or either of the Constables that was chose in March last for Collecting Tax &c.

May 18th.

The meeting that was adjourned from the 13th. of April to this day being opened, the Committee that was chose to consider of the Constitution & Form of Government Reported that they did not approve of the same it being putt to the members present 13 was in favour of the Form 74 against it.

Meeting adjourned thursday next 2 o'clock.

[325] 1778 May 21st.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the eighteenth instant which was adjourned from the 13th. April last.

£4000 Voted to pay the Debts due from the Town Voted That there be the sum of Four Thousand pounds assessed immediately on the Polls and Estates within this Town Towards paying of the Debts Contracted by said Town occasioned by the war.

3 Inoculating Hospitals Committee to appoint places, for the Hospitals Voted, That there be three Inoculating Hospitals for the small Pox in this Town for one fortnight from this Day & no longer and that there be a Committee chose to appoint such Houses as they shall think will best accommodate the Inhabitants & lay the

Docters under such restrictions as they shall think proper. Then Capt Adams, Capt Thos. Baxter Mr. James Brackett jun^{r}. Dec^{n} Penniman, Capt Vinton Capt. Wild, Capt. Sawen, Ens^{n}. Spear & Lieut Niles was chosen a Committee for the purpose afores^{d}.

Then the meeting was Disolved.

June 22^{d}.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precient in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as Follows (viz) To elect and Depute one person if they see fit to serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly which was convened at Boston on the 27th. day of May for the service of this State and is Still in being, said person is forthwith to attend the service of this state in said General Court or assembly, & During the session or sessions of the same.

Also after a moderator Chosen.

first To See if the Town will make any alteration in their votes past in march last Respecting the Repairs of Highways the ensuing year and to act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Representative Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid made Choice of Richard Cranch Esqr. for their Representative. Then made choice of Capt. Daniel Arnold for a moderator.

Labor on the Highways a 12/ — Voted, To allow twelve shillings, ℔ Day for Labour on the Highways the ensuing year, that a single Poll be taxed one Days work & the Estates in the same proportion.

[326] 1778 June 22^{d}.

Subalterns wages, equal to a private Voted, To make up the Subalterns wages Equal to a Private Soldiers

Soldiers pay from the time they march to the time they git home. Voted, to pay each Soldier from the Time they march to the Time they gitt home, allowing them a days pay for every Twenty miles Travel they shall be from home when they leave the Service or are discharged.

Committee to consider, of those persons, that was in the Continental army 1776. Voted, to Consider those persons that was from this Town in the Continental Service in the year, 1776, who marched out of this state & that there be a Committee chosen to take the matter into consideration & Report to the Town at their next annual meeting of what sum those persons are worthy off for their sufferings then Col^{o} Thayer Maj. Penniman Capt. French, Capt. Arnold & Capt. Sawen was chose a Committee for that purpose.

Allowance to those that was in the Continental army 1776, who engaged for 3 years. Voted, to allow those persons that was in the Continental Army from this Town in the year 1776 who are now in s^{d} army that engaged for before the twenty second Day of May 1777 Ten pounds, being the same sum that was Voted to those that engaged after s^{d} 22 day of May. The Meeting dissolved.

1779 — January 28

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precient in s^d Town, pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as Follows, (viz) after a moderator Chosen.

First, To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to procure graine for the use of the Inhabitants of said Town.

Secondly, To act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Thomas Penniman Esq Moderator.

Selectmen to procure corn. Voted, the Selectmen be a Committee to Procure Graine for the Town and also that they procure one Thousand Bushels, if they think it will be for the Interest of the Inhabitants

Selectmen to Report to the Town whether dead money shall be Received of the Collector.

Whereas several of the Collectors have Received for Town Taxes of the Two emissions of money dated May 20, 1777 & April 11, 1778, Voted the Selectmen hear the s^d Collectors and Report to the Town at their next annual meeting whether the Town shall Receive it or not.

[327] 1779 March 1st.

Anno Domini 1779.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Parish in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator Chosen.

First, To choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs, also a Committee of Safety, & vote for County Treasurer, and also to raise money to Defrey the charges of the Town.

Secondly, To Determine Respecting the Repairing the Highways within said Town the Ensuing year.

Thirdly, To Determine whether the Town will Receive the Principal sums that is now due on a number of Bonds Remaining in the Treasurers hands, Or otherwise lett it lay for the Benefit of a School.

Fourthly, To hear the Petition of Josiah Quincy Esqr. & act thereon.

Fifthly, To Determine whether the Town will Build or hire a House for the Poor of the Town.

Sixthly, To Determine whether the Town will Remit to Capt Thomas Newcomb & others who are engaged in the 3 years service their Poll Tax.

Seventhly, To Determine whether the Town will give any pre-

mium for Crows, Blackbirds, and Squirrells heads that shall be kill'd in said Town the Ensuing year.

Eighthly To Determine whether the Town will sell their House in Roxbury that was formerly Benjamin Baxters.

Ninthly, To Determine whether the Town will adopt any other meathord than what they have already done to procure Graine for s^d^ Town.

Tenthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any Committee the Town may think proper.

Eleventhly, To Act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid and made Choice of Hon. Saml Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Clerk & Treasurer. Nominated & chose Eben^r^. Thayer jun^r^. Clerk and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Chose Eben^r^. Field for a Constable for the North Parish, he was excused upon the adjournment

Constables. Voted, to have two Constables in the middle Parish & also two in South Parish this year.

Chose Captn. Jonathan Thayer excused p^g^ 331. William Bowditch he p^d^ his fine on adj^mt^. Chose Nehemiah French, his son served p^g^ 332 Matthew Pratt, he was excused on adj^mt^.

Selectmen. Voted, to have three Selectmen in the Town the ensuing year one in each Parish.

Then chose Captn. Daniel Arnold, Mr. Hobart Clark & Th^s^. Penniman Esqr.

Then, Voted, to add four Selectmen to the three which are Chosen one in Each Parish & one at Large. Then chose Capt. Peter B. Adams, Captn. Saml. Holbrook, Mr Joseph White jun^r^. & Ebenezer Thayer jun^r^. Then adjourn^d^ to monday 15th inst. ten, o'clock forenoon.

[328] 1779 March 15th.

Warrants. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Parish in said Town pursuant to legall Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator chosen.

First, To Determine whether the Town will sell or lett half moon Island (so called) agreeable to a request of a number of the Inhabitants of said Town.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid and made choice Dec^n^. James Penniman, Moderator.

Half moon Island to be leased for 3 years. Then Voted to Lease the Island for three years at Publick Vendue to the Highest Bidder.

Voted, to chuse a Committee of three to Lease the Island and also to apply to Norton Quincy Esqr. for a Quit Claim Deed of the same

Committee. Then Nominated and Chose Cap Daniel Arnold Mr. Azariah Faxon & Maj^r^ Stephen Penniman for s^d^ Committee.

Meeting dissolved.

March 15th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the first day of this Instant.

Moderator. The Moderator not Present made choice of Capt. Daniel Arnold.

E. Field & Ma Pratt excused from servg as Constables. Then the Town excused Ebenr. Field from serving as Constable this present year, also excused Matthew Pratt from serving Constable this present year.

Wm Bowditch pd fine Then William Bowditch paid five pounds as a fine to excuse him from serving.

J. Baxter Constable Then made Choice of Jonathan Baxter for a Constable.

Selectmen to see who will collect the Tax. Voted, to postpone the choice of Constables untill the adjournment of this meeting and that the Selectmen in the mean Time see who will Collect the Tax on the most Reasonablest Tearmes and Report to the Town.

Wardens. The Warden act being Read proceeded to the Choice of Wardens

Mes. Ebenr. Brackett, Nathaniel Capen, & Hezekiah Ludden.

Com. of Safety, Mr. James Brackett Junr. Capn. Nathl Wales, Capt Nathl. Belcher.

Assizors of Bread. Capt Moses Brackett, Mr Azariah Faxon & Th. Penniman Esqr.

Tythingmen. Mr. Thomas Pratt, Capt. Silas Wild, Majr. Seth Turner.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mes. Ebenezer Field, Gaius Thayer, & Joseph White junr

Fence Viewers. Mes. Elijah Veazie junr. Nathl Glover, Majr. Jeremiah Niles, Jesse Pratt, Zacheius Thayer, & William Linsfield 3d.

Fire Wardens. Dean. Ebenezer Adams Mess James Thayer & Seth Man Jr.

[329] Cullers of Staves. Mes. Ebenezer White & Nathaniel Belcher Junr.

Sealer of Shingles. Mr. Gaius Thayer.

Sealers of Leather Mes. Jedidiah Bass & Abijah Allen.

Sealers of Wood. Mes. Ebenezer White & Ephraim Pray.

Surveyors of High Ways. Voted, To Repair the Highways in this Town the ensuing year by a Tax as usual one Days Labour to a Single Poll and the estates in the same proportion and that a days work be sott at twenty four shillings and other work in the same proportion with the hand Labour. — proceeded to the Choice of Surveyors. Mes. James Brackett Junr. Ebenr. Adams, William Glover, Peter B. Adams, & Ebenezer Miller for the North Parish.

Thomas Hollis junr Ebenezer Newcomb, Nathl Wales, John Hollis Elkanah Thayer, Silas Wild, John Hunt, William Bowditch, and Elisha French, for the Middle Parish.

Benjamin Man, Nathl. Niles, Ebenezer Pratt, Isaac Spear

Joseph White junr. Eliphalet Sawen & Elisha Wales, for the South.

Voted, that Swine Run at Large the ensuing year.

Hogg Reaves. Mes^{s}. Thomas Bracket, John Cleverly, John Vinton, Ebenezer Newcomb, Joshua Clark & Peter Thayer, jun^{r}. was chosen Hogg Reaves.

Committee for Fish. Voted, that Mes^{s}. Nathaniel Wales, Jonathan Thayer & Moses French, be a Committee to see that the fish are not obstructed in their passing to and from the Pond by Dams, and are not taken only on the same Days, as they were last year.

Com^{e} to see that the smelts are not Obstructed. Voted, Mes^{s}. Samuel Arnold, Eben^{r}. White & Ambrose Salisbury, be a Committee to see that the smelts are not obstructed in the Channell between this Town & the Town of Weymouth.

Treasurer to Receive dead money. Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to Receive of the Collectors the two emmissions of money of May 20th. 1777 & April 11th. 1778 which they have Received for Town Taxes

House for ye Poor. Voted, the Selectmen be directed to Hire a House for the Poor of the Town.

Th^{s}. Newcombs, Poll Tax Remt^{d}. Voted, to Remitt to Capt. Thomas Newcomb, & others who was engaged in three years service their Poll Tax.

Premium for Crows heads. Voted, to give six shillings ℔ head for all the old Crows heads, and two shillings ℔ head for all young Crows that shall be killed in this Town the ensuing year.

Quincy Petition dismissed. Voted, to Dismiss the Petition of Josiah Quincy Esqr.

[330] Treasurer to receive the principal on Bonds. Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to Receive the Principal sum that is now due on a Number of Bonds Remaining in his Hands.

Benj Baxter to have a Deed. Voted, to Give a Quit Clame Deed to Benjamin Baxter of that House in Roxbury which was formerly his he paying the Balance that is Due to the Town and all the expenses that has or may arise to the Town on that acc^{t} and also that the Selectmen settle with him.

£4000 — Raised. Voted, there be assessed on the Polls & Estates lying within this Town the sum of Four Thousand pounds towards paying off the Debts & Defreying the Charges of s^{d} Town.

Report of that Com. that settl^{d} with the Treasurer. The Committee that was appointed in March 1778 to settle with the Treasurer Reported and the Town accepted their Report as it stands Recorded in the Treasurers Book Voll 2^{d}. Fol^{o} 281.

Report of the Com^{e} y^{t} was chose to Consider of those persons in the Conti^{ll} Army 1776. The Committee that was appointed 22^{d}. June 1778, To consider of what sum would be proper to allow those Persons for their sufferings, who were from this Town and was Inhabitants of said Town at the Time they engaged in the Continental Army in the year 1776 Reported as follows.

To each Non Commissioned Officer and Private Soldier that marched into Canada the sum of Twenty pounds.

To each Non Commissioned Officer & Private Soldier that marched to Ticonderoga, Fort George, & New York the sum of seven pounds Ten shillings.

Your Committee are also of the Opinion that there be allow'd to each of the Commissioned Officers that Marched into Canada the sum of Ten pounds for their Extraordinary Services in said year.

Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr.
Daniel Arnold
Moses French,
Stephen Penniman } Committee

The foregoing Report being read to the Town they voted to accept the Report.

Committee to settle with Treasurer. Col^{o} Billings, Mr. James Brackett junr & Captn. French was chose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Treasurers allowance. Voted, To allow the Treasurer Twenty pounds for his services the Last year

Doc. Bakers affair. Voted That Doct^{r}. Baker be desired to leave this Town, also

Voted, that the eight men that Doct^{r}. Baker gott a warrant for go immediately and Deliver themselves up to Justice

The meeting adjourned to Tuesday the 30th. inst at 2 o'clock P.M.

[331] March 30.
Anno Domini 1779.

Constables allowance. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Assembled by adjournment from the Fifteenth of this Instant, Voted, to allow to the Constables in each Precient for their Collecting the Taxe's as usual the ensuing year the sum of Twenty Five pounds.

Hall to serve for Jon^{a}. Baxter. Then Jonathan Baxter presented Capt John Hall to serve as Constable in his place and stead. The Town Voted to accept the s^{d} Hall to serve as Constable provided the s^{d} Baxter gives Bonds for the Towns security as usual.

Jon^{a} Thayer excused. Voted, To excuse Captn. Jonathan Thayer from Serving as Constable the year ensuing

Con. Maj. Step^{h} Penniman Made Choice of Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman to serve as Constable he accepted.

Com^{e} for Half Moon Reported. The Committee that was chose to Lease half moon Island (so called) Reported that they had notify^{d}. it to be Leased agreeable to the vote of the Town; but being Informed that Mr. Quincy had leased it thought proper to Desist and lay the matter before the Town.

Voted, the same Committee see M^{r}. Quincy & know of him whether he has a just Right & Title to s^{d} Island.

Committee to hire men for publick service. Voted to Chuse a

Committee to hire men for the publick service, the ensuing year if there should be any Requesession for any from the authority, then made Choice of Col° Edm^d Billings, Lieut. James Clark, Mr. Ichabod Holbrook, Col°. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, Captn. Nathl. Belcher & Mr. Azariah Faxon.

Com & allowance for last year service. Then Voted to allow the Committee that assisted in procuring men for the Public service the last year twenty shillings ℔ Day for their Time and expenses, they laying their acc^t. before the Selectmen for their examination.

Committee on Doct^r. Baker. A motion was made to chuse a Committee to be Ready to appear and make a stand against any vexatious Law suit that may be brought against any of the Inhabitants of this Town by Doc^r Moses Baker Then,

Voted, that Thomas Penniman Esqr. Col°. Edm^d. Billings, Mr. Azariah Faxon, Captn. John Vinton & Captn Peter B. Adams be a Committee to use their Influence with proper authority to suppress, any vexatious Law suits that may be brought by Doct^r Moses Baker against any of the Inhabitants of this Town and that said Committee shall be allowed by the Town for their time.

Those that entered their Dissent. Mes^s William Penniman and Joseph Spear entered their dissent to the Last Vote, as being Illegal and Improper, as there was no such article in the warrant only in General Terms.

Adjourned to the day the anniversary Town meeting in May next.

[332] 1779 May 24th.

Anno Domini 1779.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from the 30th day of March last.

accepted of Adonijah French as Constable instead of Nehem^h. Then Nehemiah French presented his son Adonijah French, to serve as Constable in his place & stead The Town Voted, to accept the s^d Adonijah to serve as Constable &c provided the s^d Nehemiah gives Bond for the Town Security as usual.

Premium for Crows & Crow Blackbirds heads. Voted to Reconsider the Vote passed March 15th. last allowing a Premium for Crows heads kill^d. within this Town the ensuing year. also Voted, to give thirty shillings ℔ head for all the old Crows heads, that shall be kill^d. within this Town from this Time to the middle of July next. also Voted to give six shillings ℔ head for all the old Crow Blackbirds heads, that shall be kill'd in this Town before the s^d middle of July next.

Com^e. to prosecute any person who shall catch any alewives, except on the Days allow'd Voted, the Committee that was chosen the 15th. of March to see that the fish was not obstructed in their passing to & from the ponds, be directed to prosecute any person who shall presume to catch any alewives on any other day,

excepting the same days as was Voted by the Town the s^{d} 15th. of March last.

Committee to Join with Weymoth. to settle with Persons for obstruct^{g}. Fish contrary to Law. Voted, to chuse a Committee to join the Committee chosen by the Town of Weymouth to settle with a number of Persons who obstructed the Fish in the Channell last Spring, between this Town & the s^{d}. Town of Weymouth. Then Col^{o}. Eben^{r}. Thayer jr. Thomas Penniman, Esqr. & Captn. Peter B. Adams was chosen a committee for the aforesaid Purpose. the Business being finished, the Moderator Dissolved the meeting.

May 24th.

Warrant. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law, to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precient in s^{d} Town pursuant to Legall Warrants particulars are as follows.

To elect and depute one or more persons to serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be held & kept for the Government Service at the State House in Boston on Wednesday the 24th. day of may inst^{t}. To attend the Government service on said Day & so De Die in Diem During their session or sessions, and also to consider & Determine upon the Following Questions.

[333] First, whether they Chuse at this time to have a New Constitution or Form of Government made

Secondly, whether they will Impower their Representative for the next year to vote for calling a State Convention, for the Sole purpose of forming a New Constitution, provided it shall appear to them on examination that the Major Part of the People present and Voting at the meeting called in the manner and for the purpose aforesaid shall have answered the first Question in the affirmative.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid & made Choice of Richard Cranch Esqr. to Represent them in s^{d} Genl. Court the ensuing year.

Number for and against a New Constitution. Then proceeded to the First Question Respecting a New Constitution and upon Examination it appear^{d}. that One Hundred and Twenty Seven of the Members of s^{d} Town then present & voted In favour of a New Constitution being formed at this Time and that Eight of the members were against the motion.

Then Voted, to chuse a Committee to Draw up Instructions for our Representative Respecting a New Form of Government & report to the Town upon the adjournment.

Com^{t} to Draw Instructions for the Representative. Then Josiah Quincy Esqr. Dec^{n}. James Penniman Th^{s}. Penniman Esqr. Norton Quincy Esqr. Mr. Hobart Clark, Jonathan Bass, Esqr. & Dec^{n}. Daniel Arnold was chose a Committee for the above purpose

Then the Meeting was adjourned to June 1st. 2^{d}. o'Clock P.M.

June 1st.

A small part of the Town being assembled by Adjournment from May 24th. Adjourned to the 8 instt. 2 o'clock P.M.

June 8.

Being Assembled again by adjournment from the first inst. The Instructions as was drawn up by Colo Quincy being Read the Town made some alterations in them and Then Voted, the Town Clerk Transmitt the same to Richard Cranch Esqr. Then the meeting was Disolved.

[334] 1779 July 12th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precient in sd Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the perticulars are as follows. after a moderator chosen.

First, To see if the Town will come into any measures that may have attendancy of appreciating our currency and Lowering the Price of the Necessaries of Life ; and also give their Committee of Corespondence any Instructions the Town may think proper.

Secondly, To see if the Town will give their Committee who was chosen to hire men for the Publick any Instructions Respecting the men order'd by the General Court for nine months to fill up the Continental Army.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Thomas Penniman Esqr. moderator.

for appreciating the currancy. Delegate to attend at Concord. Voted, the Town will come into measures to appreciate our Currancy & Lower the Price of the Necessarys of Life and to chuse one person to attend the Convention appointed to be convened at Concord on the 14th. instt. made choice of Captn Nathaniel Wales to attend (In behalf of this Town) in the Convention at Concord on the 14th. Instant.

Com. to Draw up Instructions. Voted, To chuse a Committee to give Capt Nathl. Wales Instructions, then the Hon. Saml. Niles Esqr. Colo. Billings Mr. Clark, Decn. Arnold & Capt. Vinton was chosen.

The Committee Reported & the Instructions being Read in Town Meeting was accepted by the Town & delivered to Captn. Wales.

Directions for the Come. appointed to hire men. Voted, The Committee appointed to hire men ; procure only four men for nine months for the Continental army, as they have 12 men now in the service which was engaged for 3 years the Rome of 9 mo

Come. to procure a Receipt from Colo Craine Respecting the 12 men. Voted, to chuse a Come to procure a Receipt from Colo Craine that the 12 men which was engaged in June 1778, for three year in the Rome of nine months are now in the service and also sd Come state the affair properly & lay it before the General Court at their next sessions. Then Majr. Niles Colo Thayer & Colo Billings was chosen a come for the above purpose.

[335] 1779, Aug. 9th.
Anno Domini 1779.

Warrant. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precient in sd Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the perticulars awas follows, after a Moderator Chosen.

First, to see if the Town will adopt the proceedings of the Convention that mett at Concord in the County of Middlesex on the fourteenth day of July last for the purpose of Carrying into Effect the several Interesting & Important measures recommended by Congress: and also come into any other measure that may have attendancy of appreciating our currancy.

Secondly, To chuse one or more Delegates to Represent them in a State convention appointed to be convened & held at Cambridge on the First day of September next, for the Sole purpose of framing a New Constitution: also give their Delegate such Instructions as they may think necessary.

Modr. Assembled as aforesaid, Thomas Penniman Esqr. moderator.

Voted to accept, the proceedings of the convention. Taking into Consideration the Deplorable Scituation of our Currancy by which means the necessary articles of Life bear such an exorbitant price, and being Desirous to promote as far as is in our power the Peace & Political Salvation of this & the United States: Voted to adopt the Proceedings of the Convention held at Concord on the 14th. of July last.

Come to establish prices on articles not enumerated by the Convention. Voted, to chuse a Committee to establish a price on the articles of sale & Consumption not enumerated by said convention. Then Colo. Billings Decn. Arnold, Capt. Jo. Baxter Jona. Webb, secd. Capt Hall, Cap Faxon Jos. Hobard, Cap Wales Colo Thayer, Lieut Robt. Hayden, Cap Sawen Lieu Niles Lieut. Eph. Thayer, Joseph White Jur. Benj Hayward, Thomas Pratt, Enoch Hayden, Isaac Copeland, Elisha French, Atkins Clark, & Isaac Niles was chosen a Committee for the above purpose the Town to pay the Necessary expense of sd Committee.

Delegate for framing New Constition. Voted, to send only one Delegate to represent them in the Convention appointed to be convened at Cambridge on the First day of September next for the purpose of Framing a New Constitution Then the Honble John Adams Esqr. was chosen for that purpose

Adjnt. Then the meeting was adjourned to monday next at 3 o'Clock P.M.

[336] 1779 Augst. 16.
Anno Domini 1779.

At a meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Legally assembled by adjournment from the ninth instant.

For Establishing prices on articles of Sale & Consumption not ennumerated by the Convention at Concord July 14, 1779. Dele-

gates to meet at Concord Octr. next. The Committee appointed by the Town to establish the prices on articles not enumerated by the Convention that mett at Concord the fourteenth of July last, Reported that they had established a price on a number of articles of sale & Consumption not ennumerated by the s^{d} Convention, which articles with the prices affixed to them being several Times Read over the Town Voted, to accept the same & did pass the Following Resolve (viz) That we will unitedly and explicitly comply with the spirit & Tennor held up by the Resolutions of said convention: and did chuse a Committee, Viz. Captn. Hall Cap Jo. Baxter, Maj. Penniman Cap. French, Cap Penniman & Elisha Wales, togeather with the Com^{e} of safety &c belonging to this Town, to be a committee to Expose to the World the names & Characters of any Person or Persons in s^{d} Town that shall directly or indirectly counteract the same; and did also vote to chuse one person to Represent them in the Convention appointed to be held at Concord on the first Wednesday in October next, for the purpose of Lowering the prices of the Necessarys of Life & for appreciating our Currancy.

Then Captn. Nathaniel Wales was chose for that purpose.

Meeting Dissolved.

Novr. 29

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precients in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants, the perticulars are as follows, after a moderator Chosen.

First to Raise Money to Defrey the Charges of the Town the present year.

Secondly, To see if the Town will allow the present Collectors any Money for Collecting the Tax now assessing; or will come into any other method than what is usual to have the same Collected.

Thirdly, To act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper w^{n}. assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Captn. Daniel Arnold Moderator.

Com^{e} to Joyn the Town of Weymouth to frame an act. Voted, to Chuse a Committee to Joyn the Town of Weymouth to frame an act to prevent the distruction of fish in Monatiquot River between the s^{d} Town's. Then Captn. Peter B. Adams, Judge Niles & Maj^{r} Penniman was chosen for that purpose

£6,000 — Voted, to Raise the sum of six Thousand pounds to be assessed on the Polls & Estates lying within this Town, towards Defreying the charge of the same.

Collector to be Chosen. Voted, to chuse Collecterts to Collect the Taxs that are now assessed & signed this Day & also to Collect all the Taxs that may be assessed before the first of March next.

Allowance /4d Voted, to allow four pence upon the pound for

Collecting the aforesaid Taxs. The Collectors to give Bonds to the Town Treasurer for the faithfull performance of their Trust.

Collectors. Then Captn. Joseph Baxter, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman & Mr Elisha Wales was chosen Collectors. Meeting Dissolved.

[337] 1780, March 6

Anno Domini 1780.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants, the particulars are as follows. After a moderator chosen.

First, to choose all such Town Officers for the ensuing Year as the Law directs, also a Committee of safety &c.

Secondly, To see if the Town will petition the General Court that all absentees estates lying within this Town to be leased at publick auction agreeable to their Resolve of the 19th. of Feby. 1779, and also that they would prevent the Strip and Waste now making on the same

Thirdly, To Raise money to Defrey the Charges of the Town the ensuing year & also determine what sum of money shall be lay^{d} out in Schools.

Fourthly, To Determine Respecting the Repairing the Highways within said Town the Ensuing year.

Fifthly To Determine whether the Town will pay Captn French for the Fence on the line between his Land he Bought of the Town and the land that was Josiah Faxons.

Sixthly, To Determine whether the Town will grant a premium on Crows, And Black Birds heads that shall be killed in s^{d}. Town for a lim^{td} time

Seventhly To hear the Report of the Selectmen Respecting a Way lay^{d} out by Benj^{a} Thayers & also Determine whether the Town will make the Town way leading from Benj^{a}. Savils to the Countrey Road a passable way or otherwise lay out a New way thro' the land of Mes^{s}. Arnold Field & Savil's.

Eighthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any Committee the Town may think proper.

Ninthly, To Direct Respecting the Towns land as the Leases are nigh expiring.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Dea^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Moder^{r}.

Clerk & Treasurer. Constables. Nominated & Chose Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r}. Clerk & Treasurer for ensuing year. Chose William Field for a Constable for the North Parish, he was excused then Jonathan Webb sec^{d}. was chose a Constable for s^{d} Parish, Captn. Jonathan Thayer was choose for the Middle Parish, Ens^{n}. Thomas French was choosen for the South Parish.

Selectmen. Voted, to have only three Selectmen the ensuing

year. Then Dec^{n}. Daniel Arnold, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, & Mr. Joseph White jun^{r}. was chosen.

Borlands Farm. Proceedings of the Town on be^{g}. informed that Mr. Cranch had hir^{d}. Mr. Borlands farm of the Court for 5 yr^{s}. and also on acct. of waste on the Wood land. Voted, to take up the second Artical in the Warrant, it being Represented to the Town that Mr. Cranch had Petitioned the Genl. Court for a Lease of that Farm which was John Borlands Esqr. dec^{d} for the term of [338] Seven years and that the Court had granted him the Farm for the Term of five, and also that there had been great Strip & waste made in the wood Lott belonging to s^{d} Estate by Mr. Cranch or by those under him whereupon after some debate, a petition to the Gen. Court was presented to the Town for their acceptance or not, after it was Read several Times in a full meeting it was Voted, the same be present to the General Court as it now stands & that there be a Committee appointed to sign & Present the same in the name of the Town. Then Mes^{s}. Eben^{r} Thayer Junr. Stephen Penniman & Daniel Arnold was chosen.

Com. to view the Town land. Voted, to take up the ninth Artical in the Warrant. Then Voted, to choose a Committee to view the Town Land & the Fence upon it & make Report to the Town upon the Adjournment what part of the land will answer for Planting.

Then Mes^{s}. James Clark, John Hall & Azariah Faxon was choosen.

Then the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday the 14th. ins^{t}. 10 o'clock forenoon.

March 14.—

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precienct in said Town by Adjournment from the sixth day of this Instant March.

The Town Clerk being unwell & not able to attend his Duty the Town made choice of Mr Hobart Clark to serve them as a Clerk this day who was sworn to the Trust. The Votes & proceedings of the Town this day as they stand here Recorded are Coppy^{d}. from the Minutes taken and attested to by Mr. Clark.

Constables Allowance Voted, To allow to each of the Constables the sum of Twenty five pounds, each for Collecting the Taxs as usual, the ensuing year.

Assizors of Bread. Mes^{s}. Moses Brackett, Azariah Faxon & Thomas Penniman.

Tythingmen. Mes^{s}. John Field jun^{r}. Robert Hayden, & Isaac Spear.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mes^{s}. Ebenezer Field, Joshua Samson & Joseph White Junr.

Fence Viewers Mes^{s}. Jackson Field, John Hall Junr. Azariah Faxon, Micah Wild, Deering Spear, & Barnabas Clark.

Fire Wardens. Mes^{s}. Joseph Hunt, Azariah Faxon, & Nathaniel Belcher.

[339] Cullers of Staves. Mes^{s}. Nathaniel Belcher & Ambrose Salisbury.

Sealer of Shingles. Mr Gaius Thayer.

Sealers of Leather. Mes^{s}. Joseph Baxter, & Abijah Allen.

Sealers of Wood. Mes^{s}. Ephraim Pray & Ambrose Salisbury.

Highways. Surveyors of Highways Voted, To Repair the Highways in this Town the ensuing year by a Tax as usual one Days Labour to a single Poll, and the estates in the same proportion, and that a days work be sott at four pounds ten shillings and other Work in the same proportion with the Hand Labour. Then proceeded to the Choice of Surveyors — Viz. Mes^{s}. Charles Baxter, Moses Brackett, Benj^{a} Bass, Josiah Veazie, Jonathan Rawson, John Hollis, John Holbrook Junr. Caleb Hayward, David Holbrook, James Faxon, Azariah Faxon, Ebenezer Clark, Caleb Hunt, Benja Hayden, Daniel French, Nathl. Niles, Barnabas Clark, Isaac Spear, Lemuel Spear & Eliphalet Sawen.

those that enter^{d} their Dissent. Col^{o}. Edmund Billings, Captn. Moses French & Mr. Caleb Hobart entered their Dissent against the meeting.

Hogg Reaves. Voted, Swine may go at Large. Hogg Reaves, Viz. James Hayward, Nathl. Savil, Joseph Hollis, Uriah Thayer jun^{r}. Daniel French, Ephraim Man.

Com^{e}. for Fish. Mes^{s}. Abijah Allen, Caleb Hobard Junr. & Jon^{a}. Thayer to see the fish are not obstructed.

Com^{e} take care of the Channell. Mes^{s}. William Allen, Willm Arnold & David P. Hayward, to see the smelts are not obstructed in the Channell.

Captn French. Captn. Moses French, after he had enter'd his Dissent came into the meeting this day and nominated William Arnold as a Com^{e}. man for taking care of the smelts.

Petition Suspended. Voted to suspend the presenting the Petition Concerning Richard Cranch Esq^{rs}. affair to the adjournment of this meeting.

Commitee to Hire men. Voted, To have three men as a Committee to hire men this present year if Required for the Publick Service & s^{d} Committee be choosen by Ballott, and that said Committee apply to the Select men for money If they need any for s^{d}. purpose. Mes^{s}. Peter Boylston Adams, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. & Eliphalet Sawen was chose.

Com. to view the Town land Report. The Committee appointed to view the Town Land Report that they have viewed the same & it is their Opinion the Lower peice will answer for Planting & that the Upper peice to be pastured, the Report was Accepted.

Voted, to chuse a Committee to Lease out the Town Land.

Com^{e}. to Lease the Town land. Then Mes^{s}. Daniel Arnold, Azariah Faxon & Thomas Penniman was chosen s^{d}. Committee to give the owners of Fences, If any there be on the same Liberty to Carry it off.

[340] Highway, from Benj^{a}. Thayers house, to Weymouth Line. The Selectmen made their Report of a Highway laid Out as follows, (Viz.) At the Request of a number of the Inhabitants of the South

Precinct in Braintree to the Selectmen of said Town to lay out a Way from the Dwelling House of Benjamin Thayer in s^d South Precinct to Weymouth line near the head of Weymouth Great pond (so Called) We the subscribers have this day Proceeded to lay out the above said Road as follows, (Viz) beginning at Benjamin Thayers House aforesaid & runing Easterly, Through Noah Whitcombs land one Rood & a half wide as the fence now standeth, then Easterly through Land of Ephraim Capen of Dorchester as the way goeth then Easterly through land belonging to Ens^n John Hollis as the Way now goeth, then Easterly through Land belonging to —— Stetson of Scituate as the Way now goeth, then still Easterly, upon the line between Captn. John White & Noah Whitcomb Junr. as the Road is now Fenced, then Easterly on the line between the Land of Joseph Porter & Joseph White jun. untill it strikes the line between the Town of Braintree and Weymouth the whole of said way to be one Rod & a half in Width.

Braintree November, 16th. 1779.

Thos. Penniman
Hobart Clark,
Samuel Holbrook,
Joseph White Junr.
} Selectmen.

The above Report being Read before the Town, it was Voted and Accepted provided the same be no charge to the Town.

Committee to Confer with Captn. French. Voted, To chuse a Committee to Confer with Captn. French about the fence he bought of the Town. Then Mes^s. John Hall Jun. John Vinton & Silas Wild was chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Premium for Crows heads. Voted, That the sum of Thirty shillings ℔ Head be given as a premium for all Crows Heads that shall be killed in this Town from this Time till the first day of July next.

Third Article in the Warrant postponed. Voted, the third artical in the Warrant be postponed untill the adjournment of this meeting.

Com^e. to view the way by Benj^a Savils & Report. Voted, to chuse a Committee to View the old way by Benjamin Savils & also the new proposed way & Report to the Town upon the adjournment of this meeting Then Mes^s. John Hall Junr. John Vinton & Thomas Penniman was chose a Committee for that purpose.

The Votes and proceedings of the Town this Day was Coppy^d. from the minutes taken by Mr. Hobard Clark.

The Meeting was adjourned to the day the annual meeting in May next one o'clock afternoon.

[341] 1780 May 22^d.

Representative The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd to vote in the Choice of a Representative being assembled at the meeting House in the middle precienct in said Town pursuant to a precept directed to the Select Men and

Signed by the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk made choice of Richard Cranch Esqr. to Represent the Town in the Great & General Court or Assembly the ensuing year.

Also the male Inhabitants of said Town of the age of Twenty one Years and upwards being assembled at the same place, to consider of the Form of Government which has been agreed upon by the Convention at their last Session, made choice of Deac^{n}. Arnold for moderator.

Commee to consider of the Form of Government, & Report upon the adjournment. The Form being Read, The Town thought proper to chuse a Committee to take the same under consideration and Report to the Town upon the adjournment. Then Genl. Palmer, Mr. James Brackett, Mr. Cranch, Col^{l}. Billings, Dec^{n}. Arnold, Judge Niles, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. Dec^{n}. French Mr Clark, Maj. Penniman, Cap. Penniman, Mr. White, Col. Bass, Lieut. Niles, & Maj. Turner was chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Then the meeting was adjourned to monday the 5th June next 3 o'clock P.M.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from March 14th. last.

Constable in s^{d}. Presenct. Then Thomas French presented his son Thomas French Junr. to serve as Constable in his place and stead. The Town Voted to accept the said Thomas French Junr. to serve as Constable &c. provided the said Thomas French senior gives Bonds for the Towns security as usual.

Town officers in s^{d} Precinct rechosen. The Town officers in the South Precinct which was Chosen the 14th. March last was not notified to take the Oath, Required by Law.

Sealer of Weights & Measures. The Town proceeded to the Choice of the same as they stand recorded on the 238 & 39 pages, also made choice of Mr. Hobart Clark sealer of Weights & Measures.

Wardens. The Warden Act being Read proceeded to the Choice of Wardens. Mes^{r}. Jonathan Rawson, Jonathan Baxter, David Person Hayward, William Penniman, Jonathan Wales, Elisha Wales were chosen.

Labour on Highways £7 = 10 ꝑ Day. Voted, To Reconsider the Voted that passed March 14th. for the price of Labour on the High Ways. Then Voted a Days Work on Highways shall be sett at seven pounds, Ten shillings & all other Labour in the usual Proportion.

Adjourned to Monday June 5th. 4 o'Clock P.M.

[342] 1780 June 5th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from May 22, Also the male Inhabitants being above the age of 21 years being assembled likewise

Commee Reported on the Form of Government. The Committee appointed by the Town on s^{d}. 22^{d}. of May last to take into consideration the Form of Government & Report to the Town have

attended that matter & reported that sum alterations and amendments, which being read to the Town was Voted, and axcepted by.

Delegate to meet in Convention Then it was moved & Seconded that the Town should choose a Delegate to meet in Convention on Wednesday next for the purpose of Compleating the Constitution or Form of Government.

Voted, to chuse a Delegate by written Votes

Then the Honble. Joseph Palmer Esqr. was chosen for that purpose.

Collectors allow for Counterfeit Bills they Rec^{d} for taxes. Voted, That Zebah Hayden be allowed out of the Town Treasurer Fifteen pounds for a Counterfitt Bill he says he Rec^{d}. for taxes the Person he Rec^{d}. of unknown.

also Voted, Captn John Hall Jun be allow'd Eighteen pounds, for one bill he Rec^{d}. for Taxs being a Counterfitt Bill, the Person he Rec^{d}. it off unknown

Persons Compl^{d}. off for catching Alewives. The Committee appointed by the Town 14th. March last to see the Fish are not obstructed in their Running to & from the Ponds, Report to the Town the names of a number of Persons who have violated the act by catching Alewives on a day not allowed off by the Committee.

Com^{e} appoint^{d} to settle with them. The Town thought proper to chuse a Committee to mitigate the fines of all such as was willing to settle with the Committee as it was the first Offence. Then Col^{o}. Bass, Maj Penniman & Col^{o}. Billings was chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Then the meeting was adjourned to the next town meeting day.

June 19th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to legall Warrants the particulars are as follows

First after a Moderator Chosen, To Determine upon the most Expiditious way of Raising the men required of this Town by a late Resolve of the General Court.

Secondly, to see if the Town will Petition the General Court for Liberty to Inlist such of their Townsmen as are willing to engage in the service required by the aforesaid Resolve who are now doing duty at the Castle & Governours Island.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid the Hon. Samuel Niles Moderator.

Voted, The Towns Committtee hire the men Required on the best Terms they can

Com^{e} to hire the men Voted, to Excuse Captn. Adams from serving as a Committee man to hire men & then made choice of Lieut James Clark in his Roome by written votes.

Voted, that the Committee appointed to hire men Petition the Genl. Court, In behalf of the Town for Liberty to Inlist such men

from the Castle as belong to this Town who are willing to engage in the service aforesaid.

[343] Officers to be Indemnify'd by the Town. Then Voted to Indemnify the militia Officers from any Fines that may be lay'd on them for Ommiting or neglecting to Draught the men when Required by the Resolves of the General Court.

addition to the Commee for hiring men. Att the Request of the Committee appointed to hire the men when called for the Town, Voted, to add three to s^{d} Committee to assist in procuring the number of men now Required. Then Captn. Joseph Baxter, Dec^{n}. Moses French and Lieut Nathaniel Niles was chosen in addition to the old Com. meet^{g}. Disolved.

Mh Meeting adjournment. The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from June 5 — Then adjourned to the next Town meet^{g} Day.

June 27

Warrants The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting house in the middle Precinct in s^{d} Town Pursuant to Legall Warrants the perticulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen.

First, To Determine upon what method the Town will take to Raise the number of men Required by the Resolves of the General Court of June 5th. 22^{d}–23^{d} and also to act on any other matter or Thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Jonathan Bass, Esqr. moderator. Voted, To make an offer to such persons as will engage to go into the Service. after a considerable debate upon the matter it was Voted, to give each man One Thousand Dollars as a Bounty also half a Bushel of Corn for Every Day from the Time they march to the time they are discharged or leave the army & also half a bushel of Corn for every Twenty miles they shall be from home when discharged and also Voted, that the Town will pay them the Forty shillings ꝑ mo promised by the State in hard money If the soldiers enable The Town to Receive the s^{d} 40/— from the State, unless it will best sute the soldiers to Receive it from the State themselves.

Selectmen to procure Corn for pay. Voted, the Selectmen should give Security to the persons that shall engage pursuant to the foregoing vote & also the Selectmen Procure the Corn at Harvest & Store it for the men until they return.

Gen Palmers present. General Palmer generously gave into the hands of the moder^{r}. One Thousand & Eighty Dollars to be equally divided among the thirty six men that shall first engage in the six months service as a Reinforcement to the Continental Army — for which the thanks of the Town was Voted him.

[344] The Familys of such men as shall engage for the Town of six months shall be supply'd by the Selectmen with Corn, Wood or such other articals, as they stand in need off which is to be charge & Reducted from the wages of that person which is to be paid him in Corn upon his Returning home.

Meeting adjourned to tomorrow 3, oclock afternoon.

June 28
The Town being assembled by adjournment from June 27 —
Money lent to the Town not to be Tax^{d}. Voted, That those persons who have the Treasurers Notes for money Borrow'd by the Selectmen for the use of the Town, and such as have now lent and shall lend the Town money to Procure the men Required by the Resolves of the General Court of June 5th. 22^{d}.– 23^{d}. — shall be exempted from any Tax for the same —
meeting adjourned to Friday next 3 o'clock P. M.

June 30
The Town being assembled by adjournment from June 28th.
31 men Inlisted. The Committee Reported that they had Inlisted thirty one men & that there was a prospect of Inlisting the other 5 men which is wanting to compleat the first 36 men call for & likewise a part or all the nine men Required by the aforesaid Resolve of June 23 —
Gen. Palmer gave the same to the 9 as to the 36. General Palmer, generously made the same offer to the nine men as he did to the 36, men — that was thirty dollars each for which the Thanks of the Town was again Voted him.
Meeting adjourned to Wednesday July 5th. 3, o'clock P.M.

July 5th.
A small part of the Town being assembled by adjournment from June 30 — Voted to proceed to Business.
Officers Pay. after a Long Debate Voted that the Officers pay including the States pay be made equal to a Private.
Soldiers for 3 months — their pay — Voted, To give each soldier that shall engage in the service for three months pursuant to the Resolve of the General Court of June 22^{d}. Five hundred Dollars as a Bounty, half a Bushel of Corn or the Value thereof for every day from the Time they march to the time they are discharged or leave the army, also the same pay ℔ Day for every Twenty miles, they shall be from home when discharged and the States Pay.
Money to be procured Voted, the Selectmen procure the money to pay the Bounty &c. meeting adjourned to monday July 10th. 3 o'clock afternoon.

[345] 1780 July 10th
Anno Domini 1780.
Officers & three mo. men Bounty. The Town being assembled by adjournment from July 5th the Votes that was past on that day Concerning the officers pay being all disannul'd & void, Voted to give each officer that shall go from this Town for the three months service Five hundred Dollars being the same sum as was Voted the soldiers as a Bounty also voted the officers the same pay from the Town, Exclusive of their other pay as the

soldiers Receive. Cap Newcomb appeared to go upon the encouragement.

Voted, to addhear to their Vote past July 5, for the Encouragement offered the Soldiers

Voted to Disolve the meeting. accordingly the moderator Disolved it.

July 17th.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to Legall Warrants the perticulars are as follows. First, after a moderator Chosen To Determine whether the Town will take any other method than what they have heretofore adopted to Raise the Number of men for the public Service Required from this Town by the Resolves of the General Court of June 22d. & 23d. last.

moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Honble Joseph Palmer Esqr. moderator.

Committee to agree with the 3 mo. men. The Committee Informed the Town that there was a number of young men that would go into the Publick service upon Conditions Then the Town Voted chuse a Committee to agree with them Then Genl. Palmer, Capt Penniman, Captn. Vinton Colo. Billings & Decn. French was chose a Committee for that purpose

The meeting was adjourned for half an hour.

agreement with the three months men. The Town being assembled again The Committee Reported a proposal that was agreed to & signed by a number of men which was as follows viz. — We whose names are hereunto Subscribed agree to go into the publick Service for three months upon the Following Conditions, provided the Town agree thereto Viz — we to Receive Five hundred Dollars Currency in hand, half a Bushel of Corn ℔ Day or the value thereof in Current money at six months from the date hereof & also Five hundred Dollars more on our Return provided we serve the sd three months or in proportion to the Time of Service, the said last 500 Dollars to be increased or diminished, according as Depreciation or Appreciation shall take place. Witness our hands this 17th. day of July 1780. N.B. we to Receive the states pay & mileag to be paid as usual for travel home. The Town by a large Majority Voted to agree to the above proposals.

Voted, The Selectmen supply the Familys of such soldiers who are now gon & going into the Publick Service with money as they may want for the support of their Families

Voted, such persons as will lend the Town Money may Receive, Receipts therefor from the Selectmen which Receipts shall answer for taxes on the next Town tax.

Voted, the Treasurer give up to the Selectmen such securities as he has remaining in his hands payable the third day of August next. meeting Dissolved.

[346] Augus^{t}. 7th.
Anno Domini 1780

The Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled Pursuant to Legal warrants the Perticulars are as follows. after a Moderator chosen, first to Raise such sum or sums of money for Defreying the Charges of the Town & for Paying the Soldiery as may be Thought Necessary — 2^{d} to act on any other matter or thing The town may think Necessary when assembled. Assembled as aforesaid Capt. Peter Boylstone Adams moderator.

Voted, Stephen Penniman Town Clerk pro Temp^{y}.

Voted, To Raise One Hundred and twenty Thousand Pounds to Defray the Charges of the Town.

Voted, to Pay one halfe the sum Raised in one month, the other halfe in Six months.

Voted, Deacon Moses French Town Treasurer Pro^{t} Temp^{y} Meeting dissolved.

Septr 4th. 1780

The Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in the choice of a Governor, Lt. Governor, Council and Senators Being assembled at the Meeting house in the Middle Preceint in said Town agreable to the Resolves of the Convention June 16th. 1780, Proceeded to bring in their Votes which are as follows (Viz.)

For Governor.

Hon^{r}. John Hancock, Esqr.	95
Hon^{r} James Bowdoin Esqr	11

Lt. Governor.

Hon^{r}. James Warren Esqr.	80
Hon^{r}. Joseph Palmer Esqr.	1
Hon^{r}. James Bowdoin Esqr.	1
Hon^{r}. Samuel Adams Esqr.	1

For Council, & Senators.

Hon^{r}. Thomas Cushing Esqr	45
Hon^{r}. Jabes Fisher Esqr.	65
Hon^{r}. Samuel Niles Esqr.	39
Hon^{r}. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	36
Hon^{r}. Caleb Davis Esqr	36
Hon^{r}. John Lowel Esqr.	35
Hon^{r}. Benj^{a} White Esqr.	34
Hon^{r}. Joseph Palmer Esqr	25
Hon^{r}. James Bowdoin Esqr	27
Hon^{r}. Increase Sumner Esqr.	10
Hon^{r}. Jeremiah Powel Esqr.	17
Hon^{r}. John Pitts Esqr.	9
Hon^{r}. Richard Cranch Esqr	7
Hon^{r} Solomon Lovel Esqr.	4
Hon^{r}. Benj^{a} Austin Esqr.	6
Hon^{r}. Norton Quincy Esqr.	2
Hon^{r}. William Cooper Esqr.	2

[347] Septr. 28th
Anno Domini 1780.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualify'd to Vote in the choice of a Representative Being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precinct in said Town Pursuant to a Resolve of the Convention of June 16th. 1780, Directed to the Selectmen and signed by the President of said Convention made choice of Richard Cranch Esqr. to Represent the Town in the Great and General Court or Assembly to be held on the last Wednesday of October Next at the State House in Boston agreable to the Constitution of Government Established by and for the inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts Bay.

The Sec^{d}. article in the warrant was to act upon any other matter or thing The Town may Think Proper when assembled. assembled as aforesaid, made choice of the Hon^{r}. Samuel Niles Esqr. moderator.

Then Voted to Give the Const^{a} (Viz.) M^{r}. Jonathan Webb Capt Jonathan Thayer and M^{r}. Thomas French Junr. four pence upon the pound for Colecting one Halfe of the Town Tax That they Now Have in their Hands, and also four Pence upon the Pound for Colecting a County Tax of thirteen Hundred & thirty six pounds ten shillings that they Now Have in their Hands.

Voted, to choose a Committee to Let out the Silver money Tax to the Lowest Bidder and all other Taxes that may be laid upon the Town betwixt this and next March. Voted to Pay for Collecting the Silver money Tax in the bills Emitted in April 1780 and to Pay for Collecting the Rest of the Taxes if their should be any to Collect, in the same Specie that the bills are Colec^{d}.

Voted, the Selectmen to be the Committee to Let out the above s^{d} tax bills

Voted, to choose a Committee to inquire into the Price of Beef and Report at Next Meeting. Then Mes^{s}. Ebenezer Adams, Isaac Thayer & Nathaniel Niles was Chosen.

Voted, that Those Persons that should appear to Colect the above mentioned Taxes Give Bonds for a faithfull Discharge of their Colections

Voted, Capt. John Vinton to Be a Committee man for Hiering men into the Publick Service in the Room of Coll^{o}. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. who is now Gone into the Publick Service.

The Business Being finished The Moderator Disolved the meeting.

[348] Oct 23
Anno Domini 1780

Warrant. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Being assembled Pursuant to Legal Warrant the Peticulars are as follows.

First, To see what meathod the Town will adopt to Procure the Beef Required by a Resolve of the General Court of Septr 26, 1780, and to Raise any sums of money that may be thought Proper.

2^{d}. To Hear the Report of any Committe's or to choose any Committe's That the Town may think Proper.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n} Daniel Arnold Moderator.

Committee Voted, To choose a Committee to Procure the money and pay for the Beef. Then Joseph Palmer Esqr. Capt Isaac Thayer Col^{o} Jonathan Bass, M^{r}. James Brackett Capt John Vinton, M^{r}. Elisha Wales, Capt. Joseph Baxter, Mr. Ebenezer Newcomb, Maj^{r} Benj^{a} Hayden, and Lieut. Seth Man were chosen for that Purpos

Committe to give security. Voted, the Committee to give security in Behalfe of the Town for the sums of money that they shall Borrow for the above s^{d} Purpos. Voted, The obligations the Committee shall give shall Run Three months.

money Rais^{d}. Voted, to Raise Sixty Thousand Pounds to Pay for the Beef and other Town charges.

When to be Paid in &c. Voted, the money Raised Shall be Asses^{d}. Collected and Paid in to the Town Treasurer in six weeks. Then the meeting was dissolved.

[349] 1780 December 19
Anno Domini

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting House in the middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants, the perticulars are as follows, (Viz after a moderator chosen.

First, To advise and determine on such measures as shall appear to them best calculated to procure the number of men required from this Town by a Resolve of the General Court of the second instant

Secondly, To consider and determine whether the Town will give the selectmen any directions how they shall procure the hard money and Corn for their six months men against they return from the service

Thirdly, to Determine Respecting a number of Debts due from this Town to Individuals and give directions thereon.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Honble. Saml. Niles Esqr. moderator.

Voted to hire the men by a Committee The Resolve of the General Court of the second inst. for Raising thirty eight men from this Town, for three years or during the war to fill up the Continental Army, being Read the Town, Voted to Raise a Committee to hire the men agreeable to s^{d} Resolve & said Committee to consist of three one in each precinct and they to be chosen by Ballot. Then Captn. Joseph Baxter was chose for the North precient, Maj Stephen Penniman for the middle and Col^{o} Jonathan Bass, for the South precienct.

The meeting was adjourned to Thursday the 28th. inst 10 o'Clock forenoon.

Decemb^{r} 28

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 19th. Decemb^{r} instant

The Committee Reported that they had engaged five men for the Continental Army in part of this Towns proportion agreeable To ye Resolve of the Genl. Court of the second of Decemb^{r}. & wanted money to pay them & such others that they might Inlist their Bounty.

Selectmen & Treasurer to borrow money. Voted, the Selectmen and Treasurer be directed to Borrow money to pay the Soldiers their Bounty and the Treasurer give his Security In behalf of the Town.

Voted, to pass over the second artical in the Warrant for the present. Voted, also to pass over the third artical in the Warrant for the present. Voted to adjourn this meeting to this day fortnight one oclock, P.M.

[350] 1781 Jan^{ry} 11th.
Anno Domini 1781.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law to Vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting house in the middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legal Warrants the perticulars are as follows, (viz.) after a moderator Chosen.

First, To advise and Determine on some measures to procure the Towns proportion of Beef agreeable to a Resolve of the Genl. Court of the fourth of December last.

Secondly, To Raise such sum or sums of money for purchasing Beef and defraying the other Charges of the Town as they shall think proper when assembled.

Thirdly, To act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid Dea^{n}. Daniel Arnold Moderator.

Money Raised, £70,000, £130,000 200,000 Voted, That the sum of seventy Thousand pounds be assessed on the polls and estates within this town for the purpose of procuring Beef and other charges, and also afterwards, Voted, that the sum of one Hundred and Thirty Thousand pounds more be assessed on the polls and Estates within this Town making in the whole Two hundred Thousand pounds, for the purpose of hiring men for the Continental Army as well as for purchasing Beef, and that the Assessors be directed to use their discretion in assessing the above sum between Landlord and Tenant.

Benj^{a} Jones. Voted, That Benjamin Jones who answered for one of this Towns Quota of Men for the Continental Army for three years from 1777, Receive his Bounty from the Town by the Treasurer's Security dated April 1777 or money in Liew thereof.

The meeting was then Dissolved.

Jan. 11th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the twenty eighth of December last the Moderator not being present made choice of Dec^{n}. Daniel Arnold Moderator P.T.

Two more soldiers inlist^{d} for the army. The Committee appointed to hire money for the Continental Army, informed the Town that there was one Inlisted in the So Parish & one more in the north since the adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned to the 29th. inst at one o'clock P.M.

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The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the eleventh inst —

Money lent not to be tax'd Com. to wait on Col^{o}. Quincy. Voted, that all moneys Lent to the Town for the purpose of hiring men for the Continental Army be exempted from any Taxs in

s^d Town and that the Selectmen and Treasurer wait on Col^o Quincy and know of him whether he will lend the Town a sum of hard money & on what Terms & Report to the Town on the adjournment.

Meeting adjourned to Monday next one o'Clock, P.M.

[351] 1781 Jany 29

Anno. Domini 1781.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law to Vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants the perticulars are as follows (Viz) after a moderator chosen.

First, To Consider and Determine whether the Town will sell or dispose of the Towns land in said Town, for the purpose of hiring Soldiers into the Continental Army for three years or during the war.

Secondly, To Chuse any Committee the Town may think proper, or hear the Report of any

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Dec^n Daniel Arnold moderator.

Voted, to Dismiss the first artical in the Warrant

The Committee that was appointed March 1779, To settle with the Treasurer Reported and the Town accepted their Report as it stands Recorded in the Treasurers Book Voll 2nd Fol^o 290

Nominated and Chose Col^o Bass, Dec^n. Arnold & Dec^n French, a Com^tt^ee to settle with the Treasurer.

Meeting was dissolved.

Feb. 5th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the twenty ninth of January last

/4 on the pound for Colect^g Voted, to allow fourpence on the pound for Collecting the tax of Two hundred Thousand pounds.

Collectors The Town made Choice of Capt Joseph Baxter for a Collector in the North Precienct and Ephraim Blanchard Jun. Collector for the middle Precienct.

Zebah Hayden allow^d. for Counterfitt bill. Voted, to allow Zebah Hayden Thirty six pounds, Currancy for two Counterfitt sixty dollar bills he Received for Tax as he said

The meeting adjourned to the first monday in March next, 3 o'Clock P.M.

[352] 1781 March 5th.

Anno Domini 1781.

The anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers.

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the middle Precint in said Town, Pursuant to a Legal Warrant, the Particulars are as followeth.

After a Moderator Chosen.

First to Choos all such Town Officers for the Insuing year as the Law Directs also a Committee of Safety.

Secondly, to Determine respecting the repairing the Highways within said Town the ensuing year.

Thirdly To see if the Town will Raise money to Defrey the Charges of the town the ensuing year.

Fourthly, to hear the Report of any Committee or Choose any Committee The Town may think Proper when assembled.

Fifthly, To act on any other matter or thing The Town shall think proper. Assembled as aforesaid Joseph Palmer Esqr. Moderator.

Clerk and Treasurer. The vote was put whether the Town would Choose their Clerk by Written vote passed in the affirmative Votes were brought in and Moses French was Chosen, he was then afterwards Nominated and chosen Treasurer

Constables. Then William Field was chosen Constable for the North Precenct Micah Thayer For the Midle Precienct & Simeon Thayer for the South Precienct.

Then the meeting was adjourned unto Tomorrow at Ten of the Clock A.M.

6th

The Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from March 5th. Instant, the Moderator not being present Thomas Penniman Esqr. was then chosen Moderator.

Selectmen & Assessors. Then the Town Voted to choose but three Selectmen for the ensuing year. Decon Daniel Arnold, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman & Joseh White Junr. ware Chosen Selectmen Voted, that the Selectmen be the assessors.

Committee of Safety Mes^{s}. James Braket, Capt Jon^{a} Thayer & Thom^{s}. Penniman Esq.

Assizors of Bread. Mes^{s}. Moses Bracket, Zebah Hayden, & Thomas Penniman Esq.

Tythingmen. Mes^{s}. Jon^{a}. Baxter, Nath^{ll} Caypen & Jon^{a} Wales.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson & Joseph White Jr.

Fence Viewers. Mes^{s}. Joseph Baxter, James Clark, John Vinton, Jon^{a} Thayer, Thom^{s}. Penniman Esqr. & Maj^{r} Seth Turner.

Fire Wardens. Mess^{s}. Joseph Hunt, James Thayer and Seth Man.

Culler of Staves. Mess^{s} Ambrose Salisbury & Nathan^{ll} Belcher.

Sealer of Shingles. Gaius Thayer.

Sealer of Leather. Capt. Joseph Baxter & Abijah Allen

[353] Sealers of Wood. Mess^{s}. Gaius Thayer, & Ebenz^{r}. White.

Highways to be mended by a tax. Voted, to repair the Highways the insuing year by a tax as usual one Days Labour to a single Poll and that Labour be set at Twelve Pounds for one single

days Work, Teems &c in proportion then the Question was ask'd By Mr. Joseph White one of the Selectmen to what proportion the Estates Should Bear to Polls and after some debate the matter was Left undetermined.

Constables allowance. Then Voted to allow the Constables Sixty Pounds each in Currancy of the old Emission for their services in Collecting the Taxes the ensuing year as usual.

Then Micah Thayer Presented Capt. Thomas Newcomb to the Town To Serve Constable in his room the Town then Excepted of Capt Newcomb upon condition that the said Thayer be Bound for him as usually has been the practice in this Town, which said Thayer Consented to.

Constables Excepted. Then William Field Presented Ebenezer Newcomb to serve Const^{le}. in his Room who was Excepted by the Town upon the same Termes as was Capt Newcomb which said Field consented to.

Surveyors of Highways. Then Proceeded to the choice of Surveyors (viz) Mess^{s}. Benj^{a} Bass, Edmund Billings, Jonathan Webb Sec^{d}. Seth Spear and John Hall for the North Precenct. Micah Wild, James Thayer, William Allen, Thomas Newcomb, Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Junr. Isaac Thayer, William Penniman and David Holbrook for the Middle Precenct. Seth Turner, Paul Thayer, Noah Whitcomb, Joseph Porter Jr. Elisha Wales, Joseph Spear and Noah Thayer for the South Precint.

Wardens. Mess^{s}. Nath^{ll}. Hollis, Joseph Field, Ezra Penniman John Clark, Barnabas Clark, Thomas French Ju^{r}.

Swine to go at large. Then Voted that Swine may run at Large the Insuing year.

hogreaves. Mess^{s}. John Field Ju^{r}. Gaius Thayer Benjamin White Caleb French, Joseph Riford, Thomas Wales.

Committee to transfer the Treasury. Voted, To choose a Committee of three Persons to Transfer the Treasury from Coll^{oll} Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. their former Treasurer, to Moses French their presint Treasurer, then was seperately nominated and chosen Mess^{s}. Azariah Faxon, John Vinton, and Stephen Penniman for said Committee.

Committee to settle with the Treasury. Voted, That Mess^{s}. Azariah Faxon, John Vinton and Stephen Penniman be a Committee to settle with the former Treasurer.

Voted, to Choose a Committee of three Persons to settle with the Selectmen for the Last year and Report to the Town then was separately Nominated and Chosen Coll^{oll} Jon^{a} Bass, Collo^{ll} Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Junr. and Capt. Peter B. Adams for said Com^{tt}.

[354] Fish Committee Committee to take care and see that the Fish call'd Alewives be not Obstructed in their passing up & Down stream Joseph Allen, Moses French, Elijah Thayer, Solomon Thayer sc^{d}. & Caleb Hunt.

Committee for the Channell. Committee to take care and see that Fish are not caught in the Channell between Braintree & Weymouth Contrary to Law.

Mess^{s}. Ebenez^{r}. White, David Hayward & Moses French

adjournment. The meeting adjourned to the Day of the anniversary meeting in April next, which will be for the choice of Governor, Lieut Governor, &c at two of the Clock P.M. at this place.

March 5th.

Votes ware brought in for a County Register which have been sealed & Delivered to a Constable.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from Febry 5th. Voted, that the Meeting be again Adjourned, accordingly the meeting adjourned to the day of the anniversary Meeting in April next for the Choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor &c

March 13th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified By Law, to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town Pursuant to a Legal Warrant, the particulars, are as followeth (viz) after a moderator Chosen.

First, to hear an address, to the Inhabitants of this Commonwealth Framed in the House of Representatives Feb. 26th. 1781, and ordered to be Read Publicly in Town meeting.

Secondly, To advize and Determine on such measures as shall appear to the Town best calculated to compleat their proportion of men for the army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 26th day of Februry Last Directing that the Inhabitants be put into classes for the purpose of filling up the army.

Thirdly, To hear the Report of any Committee or Choose any Committees the Town may think Proper.

Forthly, To act upon any other matter or thing the Town may think proper.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Majr Stephen Penniman Moderator.

Voted, That the Taxes of £200,000 now in the Hands of the Collectors (which sum was raised for the Purpose of hiring men for the Army and procuring Beef) that the Collectors be directed to collect but one half of said Tax from each individual, until the further order of the Town providing the Town shall adopt the meathod of Classing the inhabitants for the purpose of procuring men for the army.

Voted, to Class the Inhabitants agreeabl to the above mentioned Report, and that any Class after properly exerting themselves to procure a man for the army, shall not be held to pay any more than the highest price that may be given to procure a man, and for that the Town Will Procure the man for said Class, and that those who have paid the whole of the above mentioned Tax shall have one half of it refunded back to them again untill the Town shall order otherwise. The business of the meeting being finished, the moderator Desolved the meeting.

[355] 1781 April 2d.
Anno Domini 1781

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in the Choice of a Governor, Lieut Governor Counsellors and Senators agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being by a Legal Warrant for that Purpose Assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precienct in said Town Proceeded to bring in their Votes which are as followeth (viz)

Votes for Governor.		Cotton Tufts Esqr.	37
His Excellency John Hancock,	35	Caleb Davis Esqr.	37
The Honle. James Bowdoin,	27	The Honl Samuel Adams	34
Lieut Governr.		The Honle John Pitts	30
The Hon. Thomas Cushing,	25	The Honle Joseph Palmer,	17
The Hon. Benjin Lincoln,	14	The Honle Jeremiah Powel	14
Collo. Azor Ornn	5	The Honle Increase Sumner	15
The Honle. James Warren	4	John Lowel Esqr.	12
Counsellors, & Senators.		Richard Cranch Esqr.	9
The Honle. Samuel Niles	37	The Honle Benjin Lincoln	7
The Honle. Jabez Fisher	46	Ebenezer Wales Esqr.	3

Apr. 2d.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Being assembled by adjournment from March the sixth day which was the anniversary March Meeting and allso by adjournment from March 6th. which meeting was held by adjournment from Feby 5th. 1781. For the March meeting The Moderator not being present.

Moderator. Collr Ebenzr Thayer Jur. was chosen Moderator.

Part of taxes remitted. Voted, That the Tax of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds which was assessed for the Purpose of hiring Soldiers and procuring Beef for the Army, that every individual who is taxed in said assessment shall be finally Discharged from said Tax by paying into the Hands of the Collector one half of what he she or they may be set at in said Tax.

John Williams Listed for Boston held to serve for Braintree Then Capt Joseph Baxter one of the Towns Committee to hire Soldiers for The Continental Army Reported to the Town that one John Williams had engaged as a soldier to serve in the army for three years or during the War and that he had engaged to serve for the Town of Boston to be reckoned one of their Quota men of the Army, and that said John Williams Did by Law Belong to the Town of Braintree, and that he the said Joseph in behalf of the Town of Braintree, Laid in his Clame for the Privilege of said Williams that he should answer as a soldier for the Town of Braintree and was opposed by the Committee of the Town of Boston and by said Com. was drove to every extremity to prove the justice of his clame to said Williams but finally obtained him, then the Committee of Boston Requested of said Baxter fifteen Guinies which they had given said [356] John Williams as a Bounty said Baxter Reports that he denied Complying with said request but told the Committee that he would Lay the afare before his Town to

act upon as they should think proper, said Baxter Desiring to know the minds of the Town upon that afare.

The Vote was put whether the Town would Order that the said Boston Committee should have their fifteen Guinies Refunded back to them by the Town of Braintree, and passed in the negative

adjournement. The meeting adjourned to the Anniversary Meeting in May next, 3 O'clock P.M.

Moderator. The other meeting which stood adjourned to this day as before mentioned, The Moderator not being present Col° Ebenz^r^. Thayer J^r^. was Chosen Moderator, night coming on this meeting adjourned to the day of the anniversary meeting in May next at 3 of the Clock P.M. at this place.

May 17th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled By adjournment from the Second day of April Last which meeting was then held by adjournment from March 6th. & Feb^ry^ 5th. 1781.

Surveyor of Highways. Nathaniel Golover was nominated and chosen Surveyor of Highways, the present year.

Voted, that any person who shall Provoid materiels for the repairing of Mores Farm Bridg (so called) and Deliver the same to Lieut David Holbrook to his Acceptance they shall be allow'd the Value thereof out of their highway tax this present year.

Constables Excepted. Lieut. Simeon Thayer, Presented his son Simeon Thayer Jr to serve Constable This Present year in his Room, the Town then Excepted of Simeon Thayer Ju^r^. upon Condition that his Father be bound for him as usually has been the practice of this Town, which his Father Then present Consented to do.

Committee Voted, that the present Selectmen Coll°. Ebenz^r^. Thayer Ju^r^. and Moses French be a Committee to Confer with Doct. Moses Baker Captn. John Vinton & Others Respecting their security being orders for money which they had Lent to the Town and Report to the Town at their next meeting

Adjournment. Voted, that the above two meetings be Adjourned to Monday the forth day of June next at one of the Clock P.M. at this place.

May 17th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd according to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town, for the purpose of Choosing one, or more suitable Persons to represent them in the Great & General Court This Present year, Voted, to have but one Representative. Votes were then given in for one Representative, the Votes being Carefully Look'd over it appeared that Richard Cranch Esqr. had the choice by the whole of the Votes given in.

June 4th.

Anno Domini 1781.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from from May 17th. to act upon two Warrants, one December 29th. 1780, and the other March 5th. 1781, which stood adjourned to this day Voted to pass over the third Article in the warrant of the 19th. of Decemr.

Voted, to pass over the Third Artical in the Warrant of the 5th. of March.

allowance to the Treasurer. Voted, to allow unto Colo. Ebenezer Thayer Jur. for his Service as Treasurer, for two years past five Pounds for Each year to be paid him in Currency at the Exchange of seventy five for one, allowed to the Treasurer on Settlemt. January.

Committees Report. Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee that settled with the former treasurer and transferred the Books which is Recorded in the Treasurers Book Vol 2d. Fols 316

Committee to settle with the Treasurer. Voted, That Colol. Ebenzr. Thayer Junr. Thomas Penniman Esqr. and Capt Peter Boilston Adams be a Committee to settle with the Treasurer, at the close of the present year and to report to the Town.

Surveyors. Decon Samuel Holbrook was Chosen Surveyor of Highways in the Room of Micah Wild who refused serving.

July, 2d.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs Being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Braintree Persuant to a Legal Warrant the Particulars are as followeth (viz)

After a moderator Chosen.

First, to See what meathod the Town will adopt to Rais Soldiers for the defence of Rhode island agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court of the 16th. day of June 1781, and also to determine what meathod the Town will come into for raising men to join the Army at West Point. Secondly, to See what meathod the Town will adopt for procuring the hard money and Corn promised to those men who served the Army six months the last year.

Thirdly, To Rais money to Defray the necessary Charges of the Town.

Forthly, To See if the Town will Lease any of their Lands that are now under Lease for the Term of two years from the time of Leasing Provided the Leases Will Quit their leases at the time of their taking of their present Croop and to persue shuch meathods, for that purpose as the Town shall think Proper.

Fifthly, to hear the Report of any Committee or to Choose any Committee the Town shall think Proper.

Sixthly, To Act upon any other matter or thing the Town shall think Proper. Assembled as afforsaid Colol Ebenzr. Thayer Jr. Moderator.

Committee to hire Soldiers Voted, that Colol Edmund Billings

Maj'r Seth Turner & Capt Isaac Thayer be a Committee to procure the five men Called for to Rhodiland

Meetings to be opend within one hour. Voted, that the meetings in this Town for the future be opened within one Hour from the time set for meeting, and that those then Present Proceed to business.

adjournment. Voted, to Adjourn this meeting to monday next to two of the clock in the afternoon at this place Accordingly adjourned.

[357] July 9th.

Anno Domini 1781

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Being assembled by adjournment from July the second

Moderator. Voted, that Majr Stephen Penniman be moderator for this meeting in the Room of Collll. Ebenzr. Thayer Jur. who was absent.

Vote for Classing Voted, to adopt the meathod of Classing the Inhabitants for the purpose of Raising men for the army agreeable to a Resolve of the General Court June 30th. 1781.

Committee to Class the Inhabitants Voted, that Messs. Collll. Edmund Billings, Capt Jona. Webb, Mr. Azariah Faxon, Lieut. David P. Hayward, Majr. Seth Turner, and Capt. Elisha Wales, be a Committee to join with the Present Selectmen in Classing the Inhabitants for the Purpose of Raising men agreeable to said Resolve and one other Resolve Requiring Five men, to go to Rhodiland.

Conditions for the Classes. Voted, that any Class after properly exerting themselves to procure a man and fail of procuring a man seasonably, that such Class shall not be held to pay any more Than the Highest price given by any class, in the Town, and for that the Town will procure The man for said Class.

Adjournment. Voted, To adjourn this meeting unto the 23d. day of July Inst at three of the Clock in the afternoon at this place.

July 23d.

The freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Being assembled by adjournment from July ninth &c.

Committee to procure a subaltern. Voted, the Selectmen be a Committee to procure a Subaltern Required to go with the Soldiers to be raised by this Town to join the Army at West point for three months campain

Adjournment. Voted, to adjourn the meeting unto the six day of August next, at three of the clock in the afternoon at this place.

August, 6th.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Being assembled by adjournment from July 23d. 1781.

Money Raised £1000 — Voted, to Rais one Thousand Pound in

Specie to be assessed upon The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town, for the purpose of paying of Six months men and other debts due from the Town.

Militia officers excused from Drafting one man. Voted, that the Town will take it upon them to answer for the militia officers for their not drafting a man for three years in the Room of Abraham Tower, who, it was Expected would answer for one of this Town's Quota in the Continental Army.

Voted, To Desolve the meeting.

Septr. 10th.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the meeting House, In the middle Precenct in said Braintree persuant to a Legal Warrant, The particulars of said Warrant are as followeth (viz)

After a Moderator Chosen.

First, To consider what meathod may be most proper for the Town to pursue in order to procure their quota of Beef for the Army.

Secondly, To Act upon any other matter or thing The Town shall think proper, when assembled

[358] Assembled as aforesaid Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman Moderator.

Money raised £400. Committee to purchase Beef — Voted, That the sum of Four hundred Pounds be assessed upon the Polls and Estates within this Town for the purpose of procuring the Towns quota of Beef required for the Army.

Voted, that Messrs Decon Daniel Arnold, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman and Mr. Joseph White be a Committee to procure said Beef.

Selectmen to hire a Collector Voted, that the Selectmen procure some sutable Person to Collect, the Hard money Tax now to be assessed upon the Polls and Estates in the middle Precenct on the best terms they can for the Town, for that Capt. Thomas Newcomb whose Right it was to Collect said Tax is now in the Army.

1781 Decr. 10th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precenct in said Braintree persuant to a Legal Warrant, The particulars are as followeth viz.

After a moderator Chosen.

First, to see if the Town will direct their Treasurer in what manner he shall Call upon and settle with the several Collecttors within this Town who now have in their Hands Tax Bills for Paper currancy that are un Settled and to direct in what manner the Towns Orders that are drawn upon the Credit of said Bill shall be discharged

Sec^{d}.ly, To choose or if the Town should think Proper agree

with some sutable Persons to Collect the State Tax that is now in the Hands of the Selectmen.

Thirdly, To act upon any other matters or thing the Town shall think proper, when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid Capt. John Vinton Moderator.

Voted, That the Treasurer Call upon and settle with the several deficient Collectors (for what they are behind in collecting) in the manner prescribed by a Resolve of the general Court of July Last.

Voted, To excuse Capt. Thomas French from Collecting the Towns Tax now in his Hands which Tax was assessed in old Continental Currancy.

Voted, that Mess^{s}. Decon Daniel Arnold, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman and Mr. Joseph White Ju^{r}. be A Commit to procure Collectors to Collect the said Town Tax now in the Hands of Capt. Thom^{s}. French and the State Taxes now in the Hands of the Selectmen.

Voted, that the Class Nomber six whereof William Glover is Chearman for their deficiency in procuring a man to serve, in the Continental Army for three years or during the war, that said Class be Taxed and Proceeded with agreeable to the Resolves of the General Court Respecting deficient Towns & Classes.

Voted, that the Committee for hiring the three years men that they with the Selectmen Petition the General Court for an allowance to this Town for one man on account of Abraham Tower who is now in the Army engaged for three years. The meeting Dissolved.

[359] March 4th.

Anno Domini 1782. The anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers.

The freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Braintree Pursuant to a Legal Warrant the particulars are as followeth (viz) After a Moderator chosen.

First, To Choose all Such Town Officers for the ensuing year as the Law directs

Secondly, To see if the Town will order their Treasurer to give security in behalf of the Town for specie to those persons that have obligations against the Town for paper Currancy and Determine the time when said obligations shall Bare Date

Thirdly, To see what meathod the Town will take Respecting the Land Belonging to the Town as the present Leases are now expiring.

Forthly, To Rais such sum or sums of money as may be thought Proper to discharge such of the Towns Debts as may be called for the present year, and for other necessary Charges, of the Town.

Fifthly, To hear the Report of Class No 6, Whereof William Glover is Chear Man and to Act thereon as the Town may think proper.

Sixthly, To choose a Committee to take care of the fish and Regulate the time for fishing as they may think proper.

Seventhly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any if needfull

Eighthly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Hon^{le}. Sam^{ll} Niles Esqr. Moderator.

Clerk & Treas^{r}. Then the Town made choice of Moses French for their Clerk and Treasurer

Constables. The Town then Proceeded to choose Constables Gaius Thayer was chosen Constable for the North Precenct, Ebenez^{r}. Cleark Ditto, for the Middle Precenct and Capt Joseph Tower Ditto for the South Precenct

The Town then Voted to take under consideration the second artical mentioned in the Warrant.

The second article in the Warrant acted upon Voted, To choose a Committe of seven men to settle the affair mentioned in said artical and that the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to give security in behalf of the Town upon the order of said Committee (and whereas sundry persons who have lent money to the Town and at the time of lending their money they then took the Selectmen's security in behalf of the Town and on a future Day from that time gave up thos securities and instead thereof took notes from the Treasurer in behalf of the Town [360] now it appears that by the depreciation of money the shifting said notes is attended with great Loos to the Creditors as it may be, and as that afair is to come under the Consideration of said Committee) the Town then

Voted, that If the Person agrieved and the Committee cannto agree then in that case the Committee be allowed to refer the matter to three persons belonging to some other Town to be chosen or agreed upon by the Committee and the agrieved Persons and that the judgment of the said Referees shall be decicive.

Committee to Regulate the Treasury &c. Voted, To Choose said Committee by written votes and in that way were Chosen, Capt Peter B. Adams, Decon Ebenz^{r}. Adams North Precenct. Colo^{ll} Ebenz^{r} Thayer Ju^{r}. & Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Middle Precenct Mess^{s}. Willi^{m}. Linfield 3^{d}. & Capt. Stephen Wales, South Precenct. Mr. Azariah Faxon at Large.

Voted, that the Treasurer Sell to the best advantage that he can for the Town all the Paper Currency of the New Emission in his possession, that belongs to the Town.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting untill to morrow morning at 9 of the Clock at this place.

March 5th.

Assembled by Adjournment from yesterday.

Voted, that Every member of the Town Present at this meeting take a seat when order'd to it by the moderator.

21£ to be paid to Boston. Allow'd the Treasurer. Voted, to pay unto the Committee of the Town of Boston for hiring men for the army, or to their order the sum of twenty one Pounds it being

to refund to them the money paid by them unto John Williams a man reconed for one of this towns quota.

Voted, to Choose nine assessors to serve as such this present year, seperate from the office of Selectmen.

Voted, to choose three Select men to serve as such this present year seperate from the office of assessors.

Selectmen. Next proceeded to the choice of Selectmen Mess^{s}. Decon Daniel Arnold, Colo^{ll} Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. and Thomas Penniman Esqr. ware Chosen Select men.

Assessors. Colo^{ll} Edmund Billings, Capt. Peter B. Adams Lieut. Seth Spear, assessors North Precienct Mr. Hobart Clark Decr. Sam^{ll}. Holbrook Mj^{r} Stephen Penniman Middle Precient.

Mess^{s}. Capt Eliphalet Sawing, Mr. Joseph White Ju^{r}. and Lieut. Nath^{ll}. Niles assessors for the South Precienct

[361] Vote upon the second artical Reconsider'd Voted, the Clause in the vote pass'd upon ye Second article in the Warrant Giving Liberty to the Committee to refer matters of disagreement to persons Living in some other Town, be reconsidered and then, Voted, that if the Committee and any individuals of the Town agreived cannot agree then and in that case for the Committee to report to the Town, That the Town may advise thereon.

Committee of Safety. Mess^{s}. James Brackett, Capt. Jon^{a} Thayer, and Maj Seth Turner.

Committee to look after Money Borrowed of Col^{o} Quincy — Voted, to choose a Committee to Look after and endeavor to find out what use was made of the money that was Borrowed by the Select men of Colo^{ll} Josiah Quincy sometime near the beginning of this present war. Mess^{s}. Colo^{ll} Edmund Billings, Mr. Hobart Clark and Thom^{s}. Penniman Esq. ware Separately nominated and chosen for said Committee.

Assizors of Bread. Mess^{s}. Moses Brackett, Zebah Hayden & Thomas Penniman Esqr. —

Tythingmen Mess^{s} Thomson Baxter, William Bowditch & Barnabas Clark.

Fence Viewers. Colo^{ll} Edmund Billings, Ensign Samuel Bass, Capt John Vinton, Capt. Jon^{a}. Thayer, Mr. Jon^{a} Wales, & Ensign Isaac Spear.

Fire Wardens. Joseph Hunt, Seth Man Jr. & Philip Thayer.

Culler of Staves Lt. Ambrose Salisbury & Capt Nath^{ll}. Belcher.

Gaius Thayer, Culler of Shingles.

Sealer of Leather. Capt. Joseph Baxter & Mr. Abijah Allen.

Alexander White, Gaius Thayer, Sealers of Wood.

Capt. John Hall sealer of Weights & Measures.

Voted, To repair the Highways the ensuing year by a tax as usual

Voted, That the Price upon the single Poll be three shillings ℔ day.

Voted that the single Poll be taxed one day to the mending the Road the Present year and the Estates in proportion.

Surveyors of Highways. North & Middle Precencts. Mess^{s}. James Clark, Jon^{a} Baxter, John Hall, Elijah Veazie Jr. and Seth

Spear be Surveyors of Highways for the North Precienct David Person Hayward, Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Junr. Philip Thayer, Jesse Pratt, William Hayden Ambrose Salisbury & Stephen Penniman & William Penniman for the Middle Precienct

March 6th.

Adjournment. Being assembled by adjournment from yesterday.

Surveyors of Highways fo South Precinct. Simeon Thayer, William Linsfield 3^{d}. Ensign Isaac Spear, Ichabod Holbrook Ju^{r}. Decon Jon^{a}. Wild, Jacob Whitcomb & Benjamin Stetson.

Committee for the Towns land. Voted, that Colo^{ll} Edmund Billings Colo^{ll} Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. and Capt. John Vinton be a Committee to consider what may be best to be done with the Town Lands as the Leases upon said Land are now expiring and that this Committee settle with the former Committee that were the lesees of said Land and report to the Town.

[362] Voted, that the assessors make the tax for mending the Highways This present year and transmit the same to the Selectmen.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting unto the first monday in April to meet at ten of the Clock in the forenoon att this place.

April 1st.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from March 6th.

Voted, the Several Constables, within this Town be held to Collect one State Tax one County Tax & one Town Tax

Constables allowance. £40 — Voted, To allow to each Constable for his services this Present year and Collecting the Taxes above mentioned Forty shillings, to be paid to them out of the Treasury when they shall have compleated their services.

Joshua French Constable. Voted, To excuse Capt. Joseph Tower from serving Constable this Present year. Then Voted for a Constable in the South Precenct and Joshua French was chosen.

Hard money for old paper Currency one dolar for 120 Voted That the Several Collectors within this Town who have not Finished their Collection upon the Bills that ware Taxed in the old Continental Currency be allow'd to Receive for the Town Taxes, one Dollar of the New Emission in Lieu of Forty Dollars of the old Emission or one Dollar in Silver in the Lieu of one Hundred & twenty.

The Treasurer is hereby directed to Receive of and Settle with said Collectors accordingly.

Hogreaves. Voted, that swine have Liberty to Run at Large this Present year.

Hogreaves. Messrs. David Hayden, Amos Stetson, Robert Milton Solomon Thayer Sec^{d}. Jonathan Clark & Jotham French.

Voted, To choose a Committee to Lease the Towns Land, then was seperately nominated & chosen for said Committee, Messrs.

Capt. Peter B. Adams, Decon Samuel Holbrook, Lieut. Nath^{ll} Niles.

Committee to settle with Capt. Brackett. Voted, that the Committee Chosen by the Town to settle with certaint Persons who call themselves sufferers by shifting their securities for money Lent to the Town, said Commity are hereby directed to consider and Determine what may be proper to be done for Capt. Moses Brackett as he Look upon himself a Great Sufferer by the shifting with the Town his notes from the Town for the States notes

Allowance to Enoch Hayden Junr. Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to aford unto Enoch Hayden Ju^{r} this Present year such supplies in order to his comfortable subsistance in Life as they shall thing needfull.

The Report of the Committee chosen by the Town to enquire into the State of the Town Land &c in the next page.

Voted, to allow Capt Newcomb for two 8 Doller Bills New Emission that ware Counterfit.

[363] We the subscribers a Committee chosen by the Town to Enquire into the State of the Towns Land, and also to settle with the Committee that Leased the same the last term and Report whither whether the Town has been benefitted by the money it Rented for and also in what manner the same Lands shall be improved for The next Leas

We have attended that service so far as to view the Lands and do offer it as our Oppinion that the Land, adjoingn Messrs Bracketts and Baxters be leased for two years to be improv'd for Pasturing.

The upland at Germantown to be lease'd in seperate as before for two years, To be planted one & sow'd the other and left Leavel for mowing

The Upland at Rock Island to be planted two years.

All the Solt marsh to be leased in seperate Lotts as before for the same term. We have also notified your former Committee to meet us with their Papers that we might be able to report to the Town how the money was expended, only one of them (Decon Arnold) see fitt to attend he inform'd that the Papers was with M^{r}. Azariah Faxon therefore we are not able to report Respecting the money

Edmund Billings
Braintree, April 1st. 1782. Jno. Vinton
Eben^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}.

Same day the above Report was offered To the Town and excepted. then Adjourned to the day of ye Anniversary meeting in May next.

1782 April 1st.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified Agreeable to the Constitution of this Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to vote in the Choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors & Senators being By a Legal Warrant for that

purpose assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precinct in said Town.

Proceeded to bring in their Votes which are as followeth (viz).

Votes for Governor.	No.		
His Excelency John Hancock,	47	the Hon^{le} Jabez Fisher,	23
the Hon^{le}. James Bodwin	47	the Hon^{le} Cotton Tufts	23
Lieut. Governor.		The Hon^{le} Jeremiah Powel	9
the Hon^{bl}. Thomas Cushing	20	The Hon^{le} John Pitts	9
the Hon^{le}. Joseph Palmer,	24	The Hon^{le} Sam^{ll} Adams	15
Counsellors & Senators.		The Hon^{le}. Increase Sumner,	12
the Hon^{le}. Samuel Niles	20	Samuel Austin Esqr.	12
		Thomas Penniman Esqr.	14

May 6th. 1782.

Constable Fine. this day Joshua French Paid into the Treasury the sum of fife Pounds as a fine for his not serving Constable this Present year.

[364] 1782 May 20th.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from April 1st. 1782.

Joseph Spear was chosen Constable in the Room of Joshua French who has been Chosen Constable at the beginning of this meeting and has discharged himself by paying his fine.

Voted, that the Treasurer of this Town Issue Execution against all the Collectors of Taxes for this Town that shall be delinquent the twentyeth day of July next.

Voted, to Adjourn this meeting unto Tuesday the forth day of June next to this place at two of the Clock in the afternoon.

A.D. 1782.

Representative Richd Cranch. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in the choice of a Representative being assembled by a legal Warrant for that purpose agreeable to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, By a large Majority of votes the Town made Choice of Richard Cranch Esqr. to Represent them in the Great General Court of this Commonwealth this Present year.

June 4th.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from May 20th. to Act upon matters not settled at their anniversary meeting in March &c.

Constable exempted. Voted, to excuse Joseph Spear from Serving Constable this Present year

Josh White Constable. The Town then made Choice of Joseph White Junr. to serve Constable for the South Precenct this Present year.

Voted, that the Select men with the Treasurer Calall upon and settle with the Towns debttors & Creditors all those affairs that are not disputable matters so that as near as posible the State of the Treasury may be known.

Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to Give Security to thos Persons that hired money of Colo[ll] Josiah Quincy for the use of the Town that is to say for so much of said money as the Town has had the Real benefit of at the time when the Security may be given.

Voted, to allowe Eben[z]. Newcomb for one Eight Dollar Bill, Counterfit money of the New Emission that he took for taxes.

Voted, to excuse Joseph White Ju[r]. from Serving Constable upon his Procuring a man to serve in his Room one that may be approved of by the Selectmen, with his Giving Bonds to the Town as usual.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the day of the first meeting that shall be call'd in this place by a new Warrant.

[365] July 15th.

Anno Domini 1782.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as followeth, viz. after a Moderator chosen, to see if the Town will choose one Selectman In the Room of Decon Daniel Arnold dec'd

Secondly, To see if the Town will consider of & determine what shall be done with their House Measuage or Tenement in Roxbury now Improved by Benjamin Baxter.

Thirdly, To consider of and determine what meathod may be best for the Town to persue in order to settle with those of the Towns Creditors who dispute taking their pay of the town according to the date of the Towns Obligations or Notes in their hands.

Fourthly, To Rais such sums of money as the Town may think Proper to defrey the charges of the Town this Present year and to pay such of the Towns debts as are Pressingly call'd for.

Fifthly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid Colo[ll]. Ebenez[r] Thayer Ju[r]. Moderator.

Voted, To Choose one Select man in in the Room of decn. daniel Arnold dec[d]. Capt. Peter Boilston Adams was accordingly chosen.

Committee to settle with Baxter. Voted, to choose a Committee to Settle with Benjamin Baxter about the House mentioned in the second Artical in y[e] Warrant.

Voted, that Messieurs Norton Quincy Esq[r]. Colo[ll]. Jon[a]. Bass, Esq[r]. Thom[s]. Penniman Esq[r]. Colo[ll] Ebenz[r]. Thayer Ju[r]. & Cap[t] Peter Boilston Adams a Committee for that purpose.

adjourned. Voted to Adjourn the Meeting to this day Fortnight at four O'Clock P.M. at this Place also the March Meeting at the same time.

July 29th.

Being assembled Agreeable to the adjournment the Town then Voted, upon the March Meeting Warrant to choose six Wardens. Jonathan Webb s[d]. Elijah Veazie, Caleb Hayward, Robert Hayden,

Seth Turner & Joseph Porter Ju^{r}. ware chosen to serve as Wardens for this present year.

The Town then Voted, to pass by the third and fourth Artical in the above Warrant and after Considerable debate about and adjour^{t}. Voted, To disolve the meeting.

[366] 1782 Septr. 12th

Anno Domini 1782.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town pursuant to a Legal Warrant The particulars whereof are as follows, viz, after a moderator chosen.

First, To Rais, Shuch Sumes of Money as the Town may think Proper to defrey the Charges of the Town this present year and to pay such of the Towns debts as are pressingly called for.

Secondly, To see if the Town will adopt any meathod settling with those of the Towns Creditors who refuse to take their pay according to the date of their Securities

Thirdly To hear the Report of any Committee or to Choose any Committee the Town shall think proper when assembled.

Fourthly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think Proper when together.

Assembled & Agreeable to said Warrant made Choice of Thomas Penniman Esqr. Moderator.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer Report. the report accepted. Voted, that previous to acting upon the first artical in the warrant that the Town hear the Report of the Committee which was appointed by the Town to settle with their Treasurer and act theiron

The said Committees Report was accordingly read and accepted by the Town and Delivered to the Treasurer to be recorded in the Treasurers Book.

Then the Town Voted to Rais Seven Hundred Pounds Lawfull Money to be assessed upon the Polls & Estates of freeholders and other Inhabitants of) the said Town of Braintree agreeable to the First article in said Warrant (£700 Voted to be raised)

Voted, that those Persons who have Borrowed money for the Towns use and have Given their Securities for the same that the Town make those Persons whole by paying them as large a sum as they are obliged to pay for the same.

The Town then Voted to disolve the meetting.

[367] Septr 30.

The Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by law to vote in Town afairs being assembled at the meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town, Pursuant to a Legal Warrant the particulars (viz)

First, After a Moderator chosen, To determine what meathod shall be taken to procure a number of men Ordered by authority To do Duty at Nantaskett.

Secondly, to act upon any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid and agreeable to said Warrant made choice of Decon Samuel Holbrook Moderator.

Voted to Class the Inhabitants The Town then Voted to Class the Inhabitants for the purpose of Raising Eighteen men for the service above mentioned, and that the same rules and meathod in Classing be adopted that was prescribed by the General Court for Raising the Last three years men for the Continental Army.

The Town then Voted, to disolve the meeting.

December 19 1782

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in said Town Pursuant to a Legal Warrant the particulars are as followeth, (viz)

First After a Moderator Chosen, To consider of and determine what meathod may be best to pursue or for the Town to come into respecting those auctions or suits that are commenced against the Town by sundry of the Towns Creditors.

Secondly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town shall think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid and agreeable to said Warrant made choice of Colo^{ll}. Edmund Billings Moderator.

Then the Town after considering and debating upon the matter of Those suits brought against the Town by Capt John Vinton and Lieut. David Linsfield, Voted, that it was not the Opinion of the Town that they did owe the said Vinton and Linsfield in manner and form as set forth in their writs and therefore, Voted, to put themselves on trial.

Voted, to Choose a Committee of three Person to defend against said suits in behalf of the Town.

Voted, that Messrs Edmund Billings Esqr. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer, Ju^{r} Esqr. and Capt. Thomas Newcomb be a Committee for that purpose.

Voted, the Treasurer furnish said Committee with money to defend against said suit.

[368] Decem^{r} 19th.

Selectmen to settle with Wl^{m}. Hayden Voted, that the Selectmen settle with William Hayden for his Demands upon the Town and for them to make him such allowance for his being kept out of his money as they shall think proper & for them to order the Treasurer to give security accordingly.

1783 February 24

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualify'd by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the meeting House in the middle precienct in said Town persuant to a Legal Warrant the purticulars are as followeth (viz)

First, After a moderator Chosen to consider of and Determine

what, meathod may be best for the Town to persue in order to procure Collectors to Collect the State Taxes that are now in the hands of the Collectors and to act theiron as the Town shall think propper.

2d.ly, To Act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think propper when assembled

Assembled as aforesaid and agreeable to said Warrant made choice of Capt. Thomas Newcomb for a Moderator.

Voted, That the Taxes before mentioned be then Let out by vendue to the Persons that would Collect them the the cheapest the giving Bonds to the Town for their faithfull performance in collecting said Taxes and the Bondsmen offered shall be to the acceptance of the Selectmen.

The Taxes ware accordingly put up and the North Precienct Tax was taken by Elijah Veazie Jur to collect Four pence upon the Pound the Middle Precenct by Capt. John Vinton for four pence half penny upon the Pound

The South Precenct by Majr Jeremiah Niles for four pence half penny upon the Pound.

Lt. Elijah Veazie, North Precenct
Captt. John Vinton Middle Precenct, } Collectors.
Majr Jeremiah Niles South Precenct,

END OF VOLUME II.

VOLUME III.

BRAINTREE RECORDS.

Braintree Book of Records.
March 1783.

Price Five Silver dollars.
Purchased by the Treasurer 1783

At the latter end of this Book you will find Recorded the Warrants with the Returns on them of the names of Those persons that have been warned out of this Town since January the first 1790. I cannot tell what page it is because the same is not paged, but whoever shall be the Town Clerk when the Book is fill'd up will do well to page and enter the same in this place. E.T.

[1] Anno Domini 1783.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting house in the Middle Precenct in said Town persuant to a Legal Warrant the particulars are as followeth.

(viz) 1st. After a Moderator chosen.

2ndly. To Choose a Town Clerk and all such other Town Officers for the year Ensuing as the Law requires, also a Committee of Safty and a County Treasurer.

3rd.ly. To hear the request of a number of the Inhabitants of this Town Respecting an Act passed the Last Session of the general Court determining the time for the beginning and ending of the Lords day that the Town may advise thereon and act as they shall think most agreeable to the Sacred Law of God.

4th.ly To hear the Request of a number of a number of the Inhabitants of said Town respecting the way Leading from Colo. Ebenzr. Thayers to Mr Isiah Thayers in Order to remove some dificulties attending said way that the Town may consider of the matter and act thereon, as they shall think proper.

5thly. To Consider of and determine what sum of money may be proper for the Town to Rais for their use the ensuing year and further to determine what part of the money Raised shall be appropriated for the use of the School and for the Town to determine in what manner the sums shall be Laid out.

6th.ly. To Consider of and determine in what manner the highways in this Town shall be repaired the ensuing year.

7thly. To hear the Report of any Committee or to choose any as the Town shall think Propper.

8th.ly. To Act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think Proper when assembled.

[2] 1783 March, 3d.

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid Decon Samuel Holbrook was chosen Moderator for said meeting.

Town Clerk — Treasurer. The Town then made Choice of Moses French for their Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Voted, that it should be deamed a disorder for any person to go on upon the seats in the meeting house with their feet.

Constables. Lt. Elijah Veazie William Penniman and Joseph Spear ware chosen Constables.

Allowance. Voted, to allow to each Constable four Pounds for Collecting one State Tax one County Tax, and one Town Do.

William Penniman excused for this year.

Samuel Curtis Chosen and excused Zachariah Thayer Do.

Vinton Constable Then Capt. John Vinton was Chosen Constable.

Voted, to choose nine assessors seperate from the office of Selectmen

Voted, To choose three Selectmen seperate from the office of Assessors.

Selectmen. Messrs. Capt. Peter B. Adams, Col^{oll}. Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. and Thomas Penniman Esqr. Selectmen.

Assessors. Mess^{s}. Ens^{n}. Samuel Bass, Lt. Seth Spear Capt. Jon^{a}. Webb M^{r}. Hobart Clark, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Capt. Jonathan Thayer, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, L^{t}. Nathl Niles, Mr. Joseph White ju^{r} ware Chosen Assessors.

March 10th.

Committee of safety Maj^{r}. Seth Turner, Col^{oll} Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. James Brackett.

Wardens. Mess^{s}. Thomas Pratt, Henry Hayden, Silas Wild, William Hobart, Jacob Whitcomb & Daniel Hunting.

Assizors of Bread Mess^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Peter B. Adams, Lemuel Clark, Eliphalet Sawen, Sam^{ll}. Holbrook Seth Turner.

Tythingmen. Mess^{s}. Willm. Adams, Caleb Hayden, Nath^{ll}. Niles.

Fire wardens. Mess^{s}. Joseph Hunt, Philip Thayer, Seth Man Ju^{r}.

[3] Cullers of Staves. L^{t}. Ambros Salisbury, Capt Nath^{ll}. Belcher.

Sealers of Leather. Joseph Baxter, Abijah Allen.

Sealers of Wood. Alexander White, & Gaius Thayer.

Surveyors of Lumber. Gaius Thayer, Daniel Loring, Nath^{ll}. Belcher, viz. Timber, Bords & Shingles.

Voted, to repair the highways by a tax as usual.

Voted, that each Poll be taxed three Shillings and the Estates in proportion and three Shillings be allowed for one days work Mind highways Teams &c in proportion.

Surveyors of Highways Mess^{s}. Ebenez^{r}. Adams, Edmund Billings, James Brackett John Hall, Josep Field, Person Hayward Elkanah Thayer, John Vinton, Micah Thayer, Silas Wild, Nath^{ll}. Thayer, John Hobart Sec^{d}. Thomas Wales, Matthias Cheesman, Samuel Jones, Nathaniel Niles, Eliphalet Sawen, Surveyors of Highways.

Committee upon the Warden Act. Voted, to Choose a Committee of nine persons of the Warden Act and report to the Town. then were seperately Nominated and Chosen, Messer^{s}. Joshua Hayward, Peter Thayer, John White, Azariah Faxon, Samuel Holbrook, Moses French, Jon^{a}. Webb, Ebenez^{r}. Adams & Thomas Baxter.

Voted, that Swine run at Large being Lawflly youked and ringed.

Hogreaves. John Thayer, Sam^{ll} Clark, Joseph Arnold Silas Lovel Atkins Clark and Thomas Belcher.

James Clark, James Brackett, David P. Hayward, William Arnold, Thomas Penniman, Seth Turner.

Colo^{ll} Bass, Selectman. The Town Made Choice of Colo^{ll}. Jonathan Bass in the room of Thom^{s} Penniman Esqr. who refused to serve as a Selectmen

Voted, that Mess^{s}. James Brackett, John Vinton and Nath^{ll}. Belcher be a Committee to confer, with Simeon Thayer Ju^{r}. Re-

specting counterfit money said by him to be taken for rates and to Report to the Town.

Voted, to adjourn the meeting to ye first Monday in April

[4] 1783, April 7th.

Anno Domini 1783. Anniversary Town Meeting for to vote in the choice of Governor, L^t. Governor, Counsellors and Senators.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, assembled by a Legal Warrant to give in their Votes for a Governor L^t. Governor, Counsellors and Senators gave them in as followeth (viz)

Votes for Governor	His Excellency John Hancock	14 Votes	
	the Hon^le. Benjamin Lincoln	67	
	The Hon^le James Bowdoin	1	
Lieut. Governor.	The Hon^le James Warren,	33	Lt Governor.
	The Hon^le. Norton Quincy	20	
	The Hon^le Artemas Ward	11	
	his Honour Thomas Cushing	2	
	The Hon^le. Samuel Adams	2	

Counsellors & Senators.

His Honour Thomas Cushing,	2
The Hon^le. Samuel Adams,	36
The Hon^le. Samuel Niles	27
The Hon^le. Jabez Fisher,	37
The Hon^le. Jeremiah Powel	17
The Hon^le. John Pitts	22
Cotton Tufts Esqr.	37
Ebenezer Wales Esqr.	14
Caleb Davis Esqr.	27
Edward Hutchinson Robbins Esqr	2

[5] 1783 April 7

Anno Domini 1783.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the anniversary meeting in March.

Voted, to take under consideration the Report of the Committee who ware chosen at their Last meeting, to consider of a Late act of the General Court respecting the due observation of the Lords day.

The said Report having had two readings in open Town Meeting, the Town Voted their approbation and acceptance of the same.

The Committees Report is as followeth viz.

That it is the humble opinion of your Committee that a strict and religious observation of the Lords day is one of the greatest caractersticks of a Christian People, that the supreeme monarceh of the Universe hath an indisputable Right to ordain Laws binding all his rational beings in an absolute Soverign manner, that this Great Governor of the world, hath revealed to man, that he hath made a special Reservation of one whole natural day out of seven for himself, which (according to the sacred Scriptures and the confesion of the most Learned part of the world) consists of

twenty four hours, wherein all our secular consearns ought in the most desent and devout manner be folded up to give way to the more important service of divine worship and adoration, and all our Laws and conceits of things ought to be regulated by scripture and not according to the Philosiphy of the heathen or the supersticious opinions or traditions of man and when the Laws of any Kingdom or State cooperate with and are agreeable to the Commands of the Great Law giver, then and only then may such communetees expect to enjoy divine favours and blessings prosperity in this and eternal happiness in a future state of existance, your Committee acknowledge it was surprizeing to them that our honourable Court should at this day when we are just amerging from the horrors of a most barbarous and unparraled war curtail a part of the forth Commandment by tolerating secular concerns or Servile Labour to be carried on six hours of the same to the great disturbance of every sober and Consciencious Person in this State for no other Reasons saith the Honourable Court than that because their a defirant opinions among the sober and Consciencious Persons of the same, Concerning the commencement of the sabath and lest they should be thought to lay unnecessary restrictions on the subject [6].

A very slender excuse indeed to whom ought we to hearken to the Great Governor of the world or to the Voice of the sober and consciencious People, a semmilar excuse once was given by a King of Gods antient People for his disobedience of a special command because he feared the People but the inspired Profits Introgative Answer was hath the Lord as great dilght in burn offerings and sacrifice as in obeying the Voice of the Lord behold to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of Rambs. We cannot conceive that the diference of of opinion or the fear of the People ought to cause an abolition of that sacred command ye fourth Commandment but that it ought to have it due extent at one end or the other, perhaps in some future day this sober and Consciencious party may request an other part of six hours more to be abolished and so on, untill that Great and most Interesting command becomes null and void, not by the traditions of men, but by the Law of the state, to draw to a close in as concise a manner as a thing of so great weight and Importance will admit of your Committee are of opinion that a Remonstrance be preferred to the aforesaid honourable Court when assembled that there may be a revision of and amendment of the above cited Law that their be no part of the fourth Commandment abolished by Law but that it may have its full extent as revealed to us in the Sacred Scriptures that thereby the Blessings of him who hath ever held an holy jealousy over his Sabath may decend on this Continent and on every State of the same is the sincere wish of your Committee

Moses French, Thomson Baxter, Ebenz^r^. Adams } Committee

Joshua Hayward, John White, Sam^ll^ Holbrook, Azariah Faxon } Committee.

[7] Committee for Alewives. Voted, to choose a Committee

a usual to take care of of the fish Clear the Pasages appoint day for fishing &c.

Solomon Thayer, Elijah Thayer, William Allen, Adam Hobart, Jacob Allen, Nehemiah Holbrook.

Committee for the Channell. L^{t}. David P. Hayward, Lt Ebenz^{r}. White, William Arnold.

Committee to settle with ye Treasurer. Capt. Peter B. Adams Mr. Azariah Faxon, Colo^{ll}. Jonathan Bass Committee to settle with the Towns Treasurer.

County Treasurer Votes, ware brought in for a County Treasurer and were proceeded with according to law.

adjourned to may meeting. Voted, to adjourn this meeting unto the day of our Annual meeting in May (for the choice of a Representative) to begin at one O'Clock on s^{d} day.

Surveyors. to Collect highway Tax. Voted, that the Surveyors of highways be impoured to Collect the highway tax Lay the same out in Repairing the highways and account with the Selectmen at the close of the year and that each surveyor have a Warrant with his List that he may Collect the money from those who refuse or neglect to work out their Taxes. (This vote was past on the Second day of the March meeting & was overlooked in ye minutes.

May 16th.

Moderator. The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled, upon their annual March meeting warrant) by adjournment from April the seventh, Made choice of Thomas Penniman Esqr. Moderator in the Room of Decon Sam^{ll}. Holbrook who was absent.

Constables dismissed. The Town then Voted, to dismiss all the Constables that they have chosen for this Present year.

to hire Collectors. Voted, to hire Collectors to Collect the Taxes that may be assessed upon the Town the Present year.

Voted that the assessors Lett out the Collecting of the Taxes this present year at public auction, to be collected by those persons that will undertake the same at the lowest price and that all the Taxes that shall be to collect within the year shall be Let out at one and the same time, and to the same persons upon condition that each collector give Bonds to the Town with good Bondmen to the acceptance of the assessors, Previous to their receiving the Taxes to discharge themselves in s^{d} office

[8] Selectman. The Town then made choice of Ensign Isaac Spear (for a Selectmen for the South Precenct in the Room of Colo^{ll} Jon^{a} Bass has been chosen and has refused

Hayden's Petition Committee. Voted, to choose a Committee to consider of a petition of Stephen Hayden and report to the Town. Voted, that Capt Peter B. Adams, Moses French & Thomas Penniman for that purpose.

Committee of Safety. Voted, to add six persons to the Committee of safety two in each Precenct the Town then made choice

of Capt. John Hall, Capt. Thomson Baxter Capt Silas Wild Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Mr. Joseph Spear and
for said Committee.

Committee to settle with the Selectmen. Voted, to choose a Committee to settle with the former Selectmen

Voted, that Capt. Joseph Baxter, Mr. Azariah Faxon and Lt Nath^{ll}. Niles be a Committee for that purposs.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in June.

June 2^{d}.

The Inhabitants assembled by adjournment from May 16th. and made choice of Decon Samuel Holbrook Moderator in the Room of Thomas Penniman Esqr. who was absent. Mr. Samuel Bass sec^{d} was chosen Selectman in the room of Ensign Isaac Spear who refused to serve.

Voted, to choose a Committee to Petition the General Court for a releas of the fines Laid on this Town for their deficiency on account of three years men and also of three and five months men.

The Town then made choice of Capt. Peter B. Adams, Decon Samuel Holbrook, Colo^{ll}. Jonathan Bass, Capt. Joseph Baxter, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman and Mr. Joseph White for said Committee.

The Town then mad Choice of David Linsfield Junr. Thomas Wales, & L^{t}. Jacob Spear to serve as Surveyors in the South Precenct in addition to those already chose.

Voted, to reconsider the vote Respecting the Surveyors Collect ing the Highway tax.

Voted, That the several Surveyors within this Town work or cause to be worked out upon the Highways the whole of the Taxes Committed to them, and that the Surveyors, return to ye assessors of all deficiencies by the first of November next and that the Surveyors be paid as usual.

[9] 1783 June 2^{d}.

Anno Domini 1783.

Hogreaves. The Town Voted to excuse Thomas Belcher from serving in the office of Hogreave this Present year, and the made choice of Ebenezer Pratt to serve in his Room.

Nath^{ll} Holbrook, Collector. Voted, to except Nathaniel Holbrook as a Collector in the Room of Capt. John Vinton he giving Bonds To the acceptance of the Selectmen in manner and form as was required of Capt Vinton.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixteenth day of this Instant June at four O'Clock P.M. at this place.

We the subscribers a Committee Chosen by the Town to examine The former Selectmens accounts and also to settle with them for the money they Borrowed and Received for the Town have met several times for that purpose and upon examination the Selectmens Book, and other Papers we find that the money they Borrowed and Received in the year 1780 amounts to Twenty five Thousand three hundred and eighty five Pounds Sixteen Shillings the money

they account for amounts Twenty three Thousand and Twenty six Pounds sixteen shillings, Including the milage paid the three and six months men the Balance unaccounted for amounts to Two Thousand three hundred and fifty nine Pounds Old Currency their is also a Ballance of Eleven Pounds four shillings in hard money Borrowed in the year 1781 not accounted for the money they Rec'd for milage they supposed the Town had the benifit of

Braintree Febr'y 27th. 1783.

Jonathan Bass,
Peter Boylston Adams } Committee
Ebenezr. Thayer Jur.

Before the adjournment Voted to except the above Report Voted to Choose a Committee to enquire after the money not accounted for in the above Report and also what has become of the money Borrowed of Colol. Josiah Quincy which was Received in hard money by the Selectmen. Capt Joseph Baxter Capt Silas Wild and Lt Nathll. Niles ware chosen for said Committee.

The meeting stands adjourned to the 16th. Instant 4 o'clock P.M.

[10] 1783, June 2d.

Anno Domini 1783. Anniversary March meeting Continued by adjournment.

The Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from June the second Made Choice of Mr Azariah Faxon, Moderator in the Room of Decon Samll. Holbrook absent.

Treasurers directions. Voted, That the Treasurer issue Executions against all the Collectors for town Taxes that are delinquent and that have not settled their Collections with the Treasurer by the first day of September next those for the year 1782 and those for the year 1783 excepted.

Voted, to excuse Thomas Wales from serving as a Surveyor of Highways this present year.

Then made choice of Edward Faxon to serve as a Surveyor of highways in said Belcher's Room.

Fence Viewers. Fence viewers were chosen on the 10th. of March but was overlooked in Recording that days work.

Messrs. Capt. James Clark, Mr. James Bracket Lt. David Person Hayward Mr. William Arnold Thomas Penniman Esqr. Majr. Seth Turner.

The March Meeting disolved.

May 16th.

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by a legal Warrant for the purpose of electing one or more sutable persons to Represent them in the Great and General Court or Assembly of this Commonwealth this Present year.

The Inhabitants assembled as aforesaid.

Voted, To send one Representative and but one to the General Court this present year. The Town by a majority of votes made

choice of Colo^{ll}. Ebenezer Thayer Junior Esqr. for their Representative this present year.

[11] 1783, August 11th.
Anno Domini 1783.
The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled at the meeting House in the middle Precenct, in said Town by a Legal warrant the particulars whereof are as follows.
First Article. First, After a Moderator chosen To consider of and determine what sum or sums of money may be necessary for the Town to raise for their use this present year to discharge debts necessary charges &c.
2^{d}ly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any that the Town shall think Proper when assembled.
3^{d}ly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town may think proper when assembled.
Assembled as aforesaid.
Moderator Made Choice of Maj^{r} Seth Turner for a Moderator.
£1000 — Voted, to Raise one Thousand Pounds for the Towns use and that the sum be immediately assessed.
Committee to settle with Gen^{ll}. Palmer. Voted, that Messr^{s}. Capt Peter B. Adams, Decon Benjamin Bass and Colo^{ll} Ebenezer Thayer Junr. be a Committee to to settle Accounts & all other matters of dispute between Gen^{ll}. Joseph Palmer and the Town and report to the Town as soon as may be.
Committee to settle with Vinton & Linfield Voted, To choose a Committee to settle with Capt John Vinton & L^{t}. David Linsfield upon the affairs that they the said Vinton & Linfield are now disputing in Law with the Town and that said Committee be impowered to make a final settlement provided that they can settle upon terms that shall appear to them to be best for the Town, which if they fail in then in that case for them to report to the former Committee that they may for the Town defend said dispute in Law.
The Town then made choice of James Brackett, Elisha French Joseph White Ju^{r}. Moses French & Silas Wild for said Committee.
Allowances to French Voted, to allow Moses French for one four & one six dolar Bills which he took of the Collector of this town certificate money, counterfit.
To Capt. Adams. Voted to pay Capt. Peter B. Adams for 22 dollars Counterfit which he received as Collector for taxes to be consolidated from the time of his discharge from the Treasurer
To Capt. Isaac Thayer. Voted to pay Capt Isaac Thayer for one forty Dollar Bill Counterfit Rec'd for taxes to be consolidated from the time of his discharge from the Treasury.

[12] Septr. 4th.
Anno Domini 1783.
The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle Precenct in s^{d}. Town By a legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth.
first after a Moderator chosen, To see If the Town will adopt

any meathod for settling with those of the Towns Creditors who call themselves sufferers by shifting their securities with the Town upon the request of the Selectmen that the Town may advise thereon and act as they shall think proper.

Secondly, To hear the Report of any Committee or Choose any Committee as the Town shall think best.

3dly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town shall proper when assembled. Assembled as aforesaid.

Moderator. made choice of decon Samll. Holbrook, Moderator.

The Town then Voted to Choose a Committee to settle with those of their Creditors who shifted their securities with the Town and to make up to them their Loos in such a manner as they shall agree upon Colol Ebenezer Thayer Jur. Ensign Samuel Bass, and Majr Seth Turner ware then chosen a committee for that purpose.

Voted, That said Committee Settle with Capt Moses Brackett in the same manner as they settle with the other Creditors.

Voted, that said Committee shall have right to draw upon the Treasurer for the payment of those persons that they shall agree with and that the Treasurer pay the orders of said Committee.

Committees Report accepted. Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee that settle with Capt John Vinton and Lt. David Linfield which report is fil'd with the Town Bond.

[14] March 1st.

Anno Domini 1784. The anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Town Officers.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting house in the Middle Precenct in said Town persuant to a Legal Warrant the purticulars whereof are as followeth (viz).

First After a Moderator Chosen, To choose all such Town Officers for the year ensuing as the law requires also a Committee of safety.

2dly, To Consider of and determine what meathod shall be persued for repairing the highways this Present year and also to see if the Town will adopt Some suitable plan for Repairing the Bridges, within This Town which have been much damaged by the late Flood.

3d.ly, To Consider of and determine what sum of money it is best for the Town to rais for discharging of Debts and Defreying the necessary charges of the Town this present year.

4th, To see if the Town will choose a Committee to confer with the Inhabitants of Dorchester Farms and Squantum Respecting their gitting of from the Town of Dorchester and being added to the Town of Braintree and to assist them therein as the Town shall think Proper.

5thly, To see if the Town will make an allowance unto Majr Seth Turner for a debt that he received of the Town in depreciated money.

6thly, To see if the Town will pay Thomas Brackett and others

their Bounty according to the promise of the Towns Committee who Inlisted them in into the public service.

7thly, To see if the Town will make the Cross Road from Colo. Ebenzr. Thayers Mr Isaiah Thayers a Town way.

8thly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committee that the Town may think Proper.

Anniversary Meeting assembled as aforesaid.

Thomas Penniman Esq. was chosen Moderator, Moses French was chosen Clerk & Treasurer.

Capt. Peter Boylston Adams, Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Mr. Samuel Bass ye 3d. ware chosen Selectmen.

Messrs Ensn Samuel Bass, Decon Jona Webb Jr., Lt Seth Spear, Mr. Hobart Clark, Majr Stephen Penniman, Decon Samuel Holbrook, Mr. Joseph White, Lt Nathaniel Niles and Thomas Penniman Esq. ware chosen Assessors.

Then the Town Voted to act upon the fourth article.

Voted to choose A Committee of three persons to consult with the Inhabitants of Dorchester Farms & Squantum Respecting their gitting of from the Town of Dorchester, being added to the Town of Braintree, and to assist them.

The Honle. Richard Cranch, Capt. Peter Boylston Adams, Royal Tyler Esq. ware chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Then again proceeded to the choice of Town Officers.

Messrs. Gaius Thayer, Ichabod Holbrook and Daniel French ware chosen Constables.

Lt. Elijah Veazie, John Field, Caleb Hunt, Elisha French, Capt. Elisha Wales & Capt Thomas French were chosen Wardens.

Joseph Field, Jonathan Marsh, Capt. Lemuel Clark, Decon Samuel Holbrook, Majr. Seth Turner & Lt. Joseph Spear, ware assisers of Bread.

Tything Man. Thomas Pratt, Jesse Pratt, Jona Wild

Fire Wardens. Mes. Joseph Hunt, Philip Thayer & Seth Man Jur.

Cullers of Staves Lt. Ambrose Salisbury, Capt Nathaniel Belcher.

Sealers of Leather Mes. Lemuel Badcock & Robert Hayden.

Surveyors of Wood. Mes. Daniel Nash & Ambrose Salisbury.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mes. Daniel Loring, Daniel Brigs Gaius Thayer.

Voted, To Repair the highways this Present year by a tax, and that the price allow'd for a days work done and performed on the Highways shall be three shillings, Teems and utentials in proportion.

Voted, That each single Poll be Taxed three Shillings towards Repairing the Highways this present year and the estates in proportion

Voted, to Adopt the following meathod for mending the highways This present year (viz) The Surveyors in the first place to be sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duty and in case of Default to be prosecuted for their fines.

Secondly, That the Selectmen make seperate Districts To Each

Surveyor and hand them to the Assessors, and they to annex a tax to each District and commit them to the Surveyors that the Surveyor call on each Individual to do his duty, and in case of delinquency, To work out the whole tax on the ways, and make return of the delinquents to the assessors by the first of Octr next, and to take a certificate from the Assessors, of the sum Total of delinquency for which each Surveyor is to have an order from the Selectmen upon the Town Treasurer for his pay.

This last vote was past upon the adjournment March 15th.

Mes^{s}. Capt. Joseph Baxter Lt. Elijah Veazie, Ens^{n} Sam^{ll}. Bass, & Lt. Daniel Baxter, North Precinct

Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Lt. Ambrose Salisbury, Mr. Hobart Clark, Capt. Silas Wild, Mr. Elkanah Thayer, Mr. Azariah Faxon, & Zachariah Marquand Thayer, Middle Precenct.

Lt. Ichabod Holbrook, Mr. Jonathan Wales, Lt. Micah White, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen, Mr. Thomas Wales, Capt. Elisha Wales, Lt. Simeon Thayer, South Precenct.

Then Voted to Adjourn the meeting unto the fifteenth day of this Instant March at one of the clock in the afternoon at this place.

[17] Anno Domini 1784. March 15th.

Assembled by adjournment.

Maj^{r}. Seth Turner was chosen Moderator in the Room of Thomas Penniman who was absent.

Hogreaves. Timothy Field, Nathaniel Savil Abraham Thayer Ju^{r}. Amos Thayer, Nehemiah Hayden Ju^{r} & Jon^{a} Clark.

Swine run at large. Voted, that the Swine Run at Large this Present year.

Fence Viewers. Capt. Joseph Baxter, Decon Benjamin Bass, Capt Silas Wild M^{r}. Micah Wild, Lt David Linfield and Ens^{n}. Isaac Spear Fence Viewers.

Alewive Committee Solomon Thayer William Allen, Adam Hobart, Jacob Allen Nehemiah Holbrook & Nathaniel French ware chosen a Committee to see that the fish called alewives were not obstructed in their passing up & down the Rivers in this Town & further to conduct that matter as the law directs.

Committee for the Channell. L^{t}. David P. Hayward, Lt Ebenez^{r}. White, & Lt William Hobart ware chosen a Committee to see that fish ware not caught in the Channel between Braintree & Weymouth contrary to law.

Voted, to choose a Committee to Look into the Circumstances of the Town's Lands, Fences, &c and to consider in what manner it may be best to improve the same in future & Report to the Town at our annual meeting in April next.

Committee for Town's lands. Messr^{s}. L^{t}. Sam^{ll}. Curtis Capt. Joseph Baxter & Maj^{r} Seth Turner ware Chosen a Committee to Look into the affair of the Towns Land & to Report agreeable to the foregoing vote

Committee to settle with Gen^{ll}. Palmer. Voted, that the Committee that ware heretofore chosen by the Town to settle with

General Palmer make Report to the Town at their annual meeting in April next.

Selectmen settle with the Treasurer. Voted, that the present Selectmen be a Committee to settle with the Treasurer.

Committee to settle with Selectmen. Voted, To Choose a Committee to settle with the Selectmen & report to the Town of the Selectmens Accounts for three years past

Mess^{s}. Capt. Thompson Baxter, Capt. John Vinton and Maj Seth Turner ware Chosen a Committee for that purpose.

[18] Committee to settle with sundry persons, for money. Voted, to choose a Committee to settle with these Persons who now hold money in their hands that was borrowed by the Town of Colo^{ll}. Josiah Quincy.

Mess^{s}. Capt. Peter B. Adams, Maj^{r}. Seth Turner & Moses French ware chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Allowance to Capt. Newcomb. Voted, to allow Capt Thomas Newcomb to draw pay from the Treasurer for six, eight dollar Bills which he received for taxes which proved to be counterfit

Town Way. Voted, That the Cross Road from Colo^{ll}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer, to Isaiah Thayers be considered and Recorded to be a Town way.

Adjournment. Voted to adjourn this meeting unto the first monday in April next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon at this place.

Assembled by adjournment

Committee for Thomas Brackett. Voted, to choose a Committee of three persons to hear the request of Thomas Brackett & others who say they have not had the full Bounty promised them by the Town for their Inlisting into the Continental army for three years, Capt Peter B. Adams, Mr. Joseph White Ju^{r}. & Decon Samuel Holbrook, ware chosen a Committee to consider of the above request & to report to the Town.

Towns Land Committee. Voted, to Lease the Towns Lands for the Terme of three years, Capt Peter B. Adams, Thomas Penniman and Moses French ware chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Selectmen Committee. Voted, that the present Selectmen conduct in the affair of those suits brorought against the Town by Capt. Joseph Baxter, & Ensign Thomas French as they shall Think best.

Royal Tyler Esqr. & Thomas Penniman Esqr. was chosen deligates for the Town to meet in County Convention at the House of Timothy Gay in Dedham, on the Twenty second day of April Inst. at Ten O'Clock A.M.

[19] Settlement with Gen^{ll}. Palmer. Voted, to accept the report of the Committee that settled with The Hon^{le}. Joseph Palmer Esqr. which is as followeth, (viz)

The Committee Chosen by the Town at thir annual Meeting in March 1783, to settle their accounts with the Hon^{le}. Joseph Palmer Esqr. have attended that service and find his accounts well voucht and a Ballance due to said Palmer of nineteen Shillings &

Two pence agreeable to his account which is submitted to the Town for their Determination.

Peter Boylston Adams, }
Benjamin Bass, } Comittee
Ebenez^r. Thayer Ju^r. }

Braintree April 5th. 1784.

Settlement with the Treasurer. Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee that settled with the Treasurer Septr. 10th. 1784, which report is Recorded in the Treasurer's Book page 347.

Voted, to adjourn this Meeting to the day of our annual meeting in May next at one O'clock P.M. at this place.

Certificate money. N.B. previous to the adjournment of the Last Meeting, The Town voted that the Selectmen Should make the best market the could of the certificate money of the Towns in their hands.

May 10th.

Assembled by adjournment from April 5th. 1784.

Survey^r. highways Capt. Peter B. Adams was chosen Surveyor of Highways.

Money Rais'd £1000 Voted to Rais, one Thousand Pounds to be Immediately assessed upon the Polls and Estates within this Town and that the same be ordered into the Treasury as soon as may be.

Voted, that the Treasurer Issue his Executions against all those Collectors of Town Taxes who shall be deficient the first day of August next.

Allowance to Ebenez^r Newcomb. Voted, to allow Ebene^r. Newcomb to draw so much money out of the Town Treasury as may be sufficient to purchas Sixteen Dollars paper Currency New Emision.

Committee for Major Niles. Voted, to choose a Committee to hear the request of Maj^r. Jeremiah Niles who requests that he may have a Bounty for a man hired into the Continental army that served for this Town. Mess^s. Jno Vinton, Isaac Spear & Thos. Penniman ware chosen to enquire into that affair & to Report to the Town.

[20] April 5th.

Anno Domini 1784.

Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors, and Senators.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal Warrant to give in their votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors, and Senators & gave them in as followeth (viz)

Votes for Governor	Votes.
His Excellency John Hancock	52
the Honorable Benjamin Lincoln	47
Hon^le. James Bowdoin	4
Hon^le. Joseph Palmer	1

Lieut. Governor.	
The Hon^{le}. Joseph Palmer	45
His Honour Thomas Cushing	10
Hon^{le}. Moses Gill,	1
Cotton Tufts Esqr.	1
Counsellors and Senators.	
The Hon. Jabez Fisher	53
Hon. John Pitts	61
Hon. Samuel Niles	57
Cotton Tufts Esqr.	61
Richard Cranch Esqr.	53
Hon^{le}. Jeremiah Powel,	16
Hon^{le}. Benjamin Lincoln,	1
Hon^{le} Solomon Lovel	3
Hon^{le} Samuel Adams,	58
Ebenez^{r}. Wales Esqr.	3
Thomas Crane Esqr.	1
Thomas Davis Esqr.	1

[21] May 10th.

Voted, that the present Selectmen be a Committee to settle all matters of controvercy or of property that are now depending or subsesting between this town and Benjamin Baxter of Roxbury. (the meeting desolved.)

1784 May 10th.

The Inhabitants of the Town Assembled by a Legal Warrant agreeable to the Constitution of this commonwealth to elect one or more Sutable Person or Persons, to Represent them in the great and General Court of this Commonwealth this Present year.

Representative Colo^{ll}. Eb^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. After the votes ware given in carefully sorted, and Counted it appeared that Colo^{ll}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. was chosen A Representative for this Town this present year.

1784 May 31.

The Inhabitants of the Town Assembled by a Legal Warrant, The particulars whereof are as followeth, viz.

First, after a Moderator chosen, To see if the Town will Choose Collectors to Collect the Taxes that are ordered to be assessed or Impower the assessors to agree with Collectors for the same.

2ndly, To see whether the Town will appoint an agent or agents to shew cause to the General Court at their next sessions why this County should not be seperated agreeable to the Prayer of the Pettion of certain Towns in this County, and in the County of Middlesex according to a notifycation Published in the Public paper by order of the General Court.

3rdly, To Consider whether the Town will Impower said agent or agents to confer with any committee or agents that are or may be appointed from the Towns in this or the neighbouring Countyes respecting any other more desirable mode of dividing this County.

4thly, To Consider of and determine in what way or meathod it will be best for the Town to repair the Ironwork Bridge (so called.)

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Colol. Ebenzr. Thayer Junr. was chosen Moderator.

[22] Assessors to hire Collectors. Voted, that the assessors be impowered to hire Collectors to Collect all the Taxes that may be assessed upon the Polls and Estates within this Town this present year, and that the Person or Persons, to whome they shall commit the Taxes give to the assessors such Security for the faithfull performance of their service as they shall think sufficient to save the Town from harm.

Voted, to choose two persons as agents for this Town to approve the Prayer of the Pettion mentioned in the second article in the Warrant.

Voted, to choose said agents by Ballot and in that way the Honle. Samuel Niles Esqr. and Royal Tyler was chosen agents (as aforesaid)

Voted, that said Agents be impowered to confer with any Committee or Agents which are or may be appointed from the Towns in this or the Neighbouring Countyes respecting any other more desirable mode of dividing this County.

Voted, To Choose a Committee to Pettition the General Sessions of the Peice for the County of Suffolk to mak the Iron work Bridge in this Town a County cost or otherwise afford some help in repairing the same.

The Honle Samuel Niles Esqr. & Royal Tyler ware chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Oct 11th

The Inhabitants of the Town Assembled by A Legal Warrant the perticulars whereof are as followeth (viz) first after a Moderator chosen.

To see if the Town will Choose one or more persons as deligate or agents for this Town to meet at the dwelling house of Majr Ebenr. Whiting inholder in Roxbury on Tusday the Twelfth day of Octr. Instant at ten O'Clock A.M. Then and there with the deligates or agents of sundry other Towns in preparing and prefering a Pittion the General Court to Repeal certain acts that have been made to regulate the marketts in the Town of Boston which acts are Grevious to many of the Towns, in this Commonwealth, or to adopt such other plan as to them shall seem best to obtain a Repeal of said acts.

[23] Secondly, To hear the Report of the Committee that ware chosen by the Town to Pittion the General Sessions in order to git the Ironwork Bridge to be a County Bridge and to consider of and determine what further it may be best for the Town to do with respect to the repairing said Bridge.

3rdly, To hear the Report of any Committee or Choose any Committee as the Town shall think proper.

Assembled as aforesaid Mr Azariah Faxon, Moderator.

Agent. Capt. John Vinton was chosen as deligate for this Town to meet at Roxbury agreeable to the first artical in the Warrant.

Committee Voted, That Messrs Royal Tyler Esqr. Decon Samuel Holbrook, Capt. Peter B. Adams and Joseph White Junr. be a Committee to attend upon a Committee from the Sessions in Viewing the Ironwork Bridge

Voted, To allow Seth Turner Ju^{r}. Six Dollars it being for a Counterfitt Bill that he received in payment from the Town.

The meeting then dissolved.

[24] March 7th. 1785.

Anno Domini 1785.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town officers.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the meeting house in the middle precenct in said Town Persuant to a legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth (viz)

First, After a moderator Chosen to Choose a Clerk and and all other Town Officers for the ensuing year that the Law requires.

2^{d}ly, To See if the Town will build a work house or a Receptacle for the Poor of the Town.

3^{d}ly, To hear the request of sundry Persons with respect to their Taxes, and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

4thly, To Rais Such Sum or sums of money for the Town use as the Town shall think proper.

5thly To see if the Town will direct their Treasurer to give security upon interest for interest that is not annually paid.

6thly, To See if the Town will make any allowance unto Maj^{r} Seth Turner for his Loos in Receiving money of the Town at a depreciated Value.

7thly To Consider of and determine in what in what way they will repair the Highways this present year.

8thly, To hear the Report of any Committee of the Town or to choose shuch other Committees as the Town shall think proper.

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid Decon Samuel Holbrook was chosen Moderator.

Clerk & Treasurer. Moses French was chosen Clerk & Treasurer.

Treasurers Surties. Voted, that Moses French Give Bonds to the Town with sufficient surties to satisfy the Town for his faithfully discharging the office of Treasurer. Capt. Jon^{a}. Thayer & Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman presented themselves and ware excepted by the Town as surties for the Treasurer as aforesaid.

Constables Gaius Thayer, Ichabod Holbrook and Ichabod Holbrook j^{r} ware Chosen Constables.

Selectmen. Capt Peter B. Adams, Colo^{ll} Ebenezer Thayer Ju^{r}. and M^{r}. Samuel Bass, 3rd. ware Chosen Selectmen.

[25] Selectmen, accompt with ye Town. Voted that the Select men in future exhibit to the Town an accompt of all the all the money that they draw out of the Treasury and what purpose.

Assessors. Ensign Samuel Bass Decon Ebenez^{r}. Adams Decon

Jonathan Webb Mr. Hobart Clark, Decon Samuel Holbrook, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, M^{r}. Joseph White Ju^{r}. Capt Elisha Wales, & Lt Ichabod Holbrook Junr. ware Chosen Assessors.

Assizors of Bread. Lt Joseph Allen, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, John Field, Decon Jon^{a}. Webb, Maj^{r}. Seth Turner & Capt. Nathaniel Belcher, ware Chosen Assizors of Bread.

Tythingmen. Ralph Pope, Lt William Hermon, Eliphalet Sawen Junr.

Fire Wardens. Zach^{h}. Markquand Thayer, Atkins Clark, & Seth Man Ju^{r}.

Wardens. L^{t}. Elijah Veazie, Joseph Bass Sec^{d}. Jacob Allen L^{t}. John Holbrook, Thomas Wales, Seth Turner Ju^{r}.

Cullers of staves. James Brackett Lt Ambros Salisbury & Capt Nathaniel Belcher, Cullers of Staves.

Sealers of Leather. Lemuel Babcock, Jacob Alen & Richard Thayer.

Seal^{r}. of Wood. Gaius Thayer L^{t}. Ebenez^{r}. White Sealers of Wood.

Surv^{r}. of Lumber. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson, Lt Barnabas Clark

Highways. Voted, To repair the highways this present year By a Tax in the same way and manner as they ware Repaired the Last year (viz) Each Poll To be taxed three shillings and the estates in proportion, that three shillings be allowed for one days work, at mending the highways, Teames &c in proportion as usual.

Surveyors of Highways. James Hayward, Capt. James Clark, John Cleverly Samuel Brackett, Capt. John Hall, Capt. Isaac Thayer, Capt Thomas Newcomb, William Thayer, Joshua Hobart, William Penniman, L^{t}. Joseph Allen, Caleb Faxon, Eliphalet Sawen, Lt Joseph Spear, Daniel French, Samuel Linfield, Edward Faxon, Lt Paul Thayer, and Joseph Porter Ju^{r}. ware Chosen Surveyors of highways.

Blue hill Road. Voted, that the Selectmen set off to each Surveyor of highways, in the North Precinct their particular part or share of the Blue hill Road, to mend.

Collect^{r} Executions delaid. Voted, that the Treasurer prolong the time of payment upon Execution against Ichabod Holbrook, and Daniel French to the Tenth day of April next.

[26] Execution of the Town Thos. French. Voted, That the Treasurer shall use such means as shall appear best to him for discharging an execu^{t}. that Ens^{n}. Thomas French has against the Town and that the Town will justify him, in acting in that matter as he shall think proper.

Adjourned. Then Voted, to adjourn this meeting unto the First Monday, in April next at ten of the Clock in the fournoon, at this place.

April 4.

Assembled by adjournment from March 7th. 1785.

Jon^{a} Holbrook, a Surveyor of highways. Voted, to excuse William Thayer from serving as a Surveyor of Highways this present year, and Jon^{a}. Holbrook was chosen, to serve in his Room.

Fence Viewers. Capt Joseph Baxter, L^{t}. Jonathan Baxter, Nehemiah Holbrook & John Hunt Capt. Nath^{ll}. Belcher & Lt. Barnabas Clark.

Hogreaves. Jackson Field and Edward Baxter, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman & Capt Silas Wild, Lt Nathaniel Niles & Joseph White Ju^{r}.

Swine run at Large. Voted, That Swine run at Large this present year, being Lawfully Yoaked and Ringed.

Alewive Committee. Solomon Thayer, William Allen, Adam Hobart, Jacob Allen, Nehemiah Holbrook, Nathl. French and Nath^{ll}. Hollis ware chosen a comt^{ee}. to take care, that the fish call'd alewives be not obstructed in their passing up and down the stream, and to Regulate as to the days & places of fishing as the Law directs.

Committee for the Channell. David P. Hayward, Ebenz^{r}. White, William Hobart and Josiah Vinton ware chosen a Com^{ee}. to take care that fish ware not caught in the Channell between Braintree and Weymouth contrary to Law.

Voted, to Build a Work house or a Receptacle for the Poor of the Town.

[27] Work House Committee. Voted, to choose a Committee of nine persons To consider in what form it will be best to build a Work house and of the most sutable place to set said house and for them to Report to the Town at the annual Meeting in May.

Then were nominated and chosen for said Committee Colo^{ll}. Edward Billings M. Gaius Thayer Capt. Thompson Baxter Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman Capt. Jon^{a} Thayer, Mr Azariah Faxon Thom^{s} Penniman Esqr. Maj Seth Turner and Mr. Joseph White Jr.

Voted Security for interest Voted the Treasurer pay or give Security upon interest to the Town Creditors for interest that is not annually paid.

Committee to settle with John Burrage. Voted, that the present Selectmen be a Committee to settle with John Burrage for his Going into the Public Service for this Town and to make him such allowance as to them shall seem right.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the day of our annual meeting in May next at one of the Clock in the afternoon, at this place.

May 9th.

Assembled by adjournment from April 4th. 1785.

Braintree Feby 22^{d}. 1785.

Settlement with Baxter 246 = 11 — 3 The Committee appointed to settle with Benjamin Baxter have attended that Service and find a Ballance of two hundred & forty six Pounds, Eleven Shillings and Three pence due upon the house in Roxbury.

Peter Boy^{n}. Adams } Committee.
Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. }

Voted, That the Present Selectmen be a Committee to dispose of the Town's Intrest at Roxbury (viz) the house and Land now improved by Benjn. Baxter.

[28] April 4
Anno Domini 1785

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal Warrant to give in their votes for Governor, Lt Governor, Counsellors and Senators and gave them in as followeth, (viz.)

Votes for Governor.

Hon^{le}. James Bowdoin	60
Hon^{le}. Francis Dana	28
Hon^{le}. Benjamin Lincoln	13
Hon^{le}. Thomas Cushing	1
Hon^{le}. James Warren	1
Hon^{le}. Cotton Tufts	1
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Lieut. Governor.

Hon^{le}. Thomas Cushing	50
Hon^{le} Samuel Adams	3
Hon^{le}. James Warren,	2
Richard Cranch Esqr.	1
	56

Counsellors and Senators

Hon^{le}. Cotton Tufts,	72
John Lowel	72
Richard Cranch	72
Samuel Adams,	73
Samuel Allen Otis	74
Stephen Metcalf	38
Samuel Niles	38
William Heath	2
Benjamin Lincoln	1

Moderator. An artical was inserted in the above mentioned Warrant, To See in what way or meathod the Town would repair the iron Work Bridge. Colo^{l} Ebeneze^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. was Chosen Moderator.

Colo^{l}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. Capt. John Hall and Capt Silas Wild ware Chosen a Committee to consider of the affair of the Bridge and Report to the Town at May meeting.

[29] May 9th.
Anno Domini 1785.

Committee to Build an alms house Voted, to Build a Work House or a receptacle for the Town Poor, and that Mess^{s}. Capt Jon^{a} Thayer, Capt John Vinton & Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, be a Committee to procure a suitable place or peice of Ground to set said house on and that it be built in the form of a Barrack. To be 33 feet in Length and sixteen feet wide and that the house be Built by said Committee in ye most reasonble and best manner that they can for the Towns Interest and when they shall have compleated said house for them to exhibit their accounts to the Town for payment.

Allowance to Maj^{r}. Niles. Voted, to pay Maj^{r}. Jeremiah Niles one half of a Note of hand given by William Penniman dec'd to one Thomas Riley for his joining the Continental army for one of this Towns Quota of men provided that Maj^{r}. Niles consent that the whole of said note shall be canceled or given up to the Town upon his being paid one moity of the same.

Executions to be settled in one month. Voted, that Decon Samuel Holbrook be allowed one month from this day to settle the Towns Executions in his hands against Ichabod Holbrook and Daniel French.

Voted, That the Collectors of Towns Taxes observe such orders as with respect to arresting any Persons Body for taxes as they shall receive from the Selectmen and Assessors and that the Selectmen with the assessors direct the Collectors in that affair as to them shall seem best, untill the further order of the Town.

Iron work bridge Voted, to Repair the Iron Work Bridge in the following manner viz. that there be one of the sluce ways left of six feet and six inches wide & to be two feet higher than the other sluces are, the new part of the Bridge to be of the same width of the old and to be built of large flat Stones.

Voted, that the Repairs of said Bridge be made by those who will engage to do the same upon the most reasonable Terms, and and that the job of repairing said Bridge be let at Public Vandue to the lowest bider

Voted, That Capt Silas Wild, Capt. John Hall & Colo^{ll} Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. be a Committee to conduct the affairs of Repairing said Bridge Agreeable to the above Votes and determinations of the Town.

Voted, to accept the Report of the Committee that settled with the Treasurer May 4th. 1785 which Report is Recorded in the Treasurers Book page 359.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the Thirtieth day of this Instant may at two o'clock P.M. at this place.

[30] May 9th.

Anno Domoni 1785. The Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Representatives.

The Inhabitants of the Town Assembled by a legal Warrant agreeable to the Constitution to elect one or more suitable Person or Persons to Represent this Town in the great and General Court of this Commonwealth this present year.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid and gave in their Votes which being carefully sorted, and counted it appeared that the Town made Choice of Colo^{ll}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. for their Representative this present year.

May 30th. 1785

Assembled by adjournment from May 9th.

March meeting. Treasurer to issue Warrants, in case — Voted, That the Treasurer issue Warrants against all the Collectors (who now have in their hands Town Taxes to collect and shall neglect

to complete their Collections and Settlement with the Treasurer by the first day of October next.

Raised the sum of £1000–0–0 Voted, to rais the sum of £1000 to be immediately assessed upon the Polls & Estates within this Town & ordered into the Treasury for the Towns use.

Collectors, give Bonds. Voted, that the assessors Provide Collectors for to Collect the several Taxes, that may be made for the Town this present year, and that the Tax Bills be not committed to any person untill they shall have first given sufficient Bonds for their faithful performance in Collecting & paying said Taxes as they shall be Lawfully ordered to do.

Decon Holbrook to settle, Execu^{t}. by the 10th July. Voted, To allow Decon Samuel Holbrook while the tenth day of July next to settle The Towns Execu^{t}. in his hands against Ichabod Holbrook & Daniel French deficient Collectors.

Voted, to Omit Building a work House this present year

The meeting dissolved.

[31] Septr. 19th.

Anno Domini 1785.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal Warrant, The Particulars whereof are as followeth (viz)

After a Moderator Chosen.

firstly, To Consider of and determine in what way it will be best for the Town to procure the money for their Treasurer that he has borrowed and advanced for the Town and further to see what the Town will allow him for his past Services as Treasurer.

2^{d}ly, To See if the Town will make provision for the payment of such of the Towns debts as soon will be pressingly called for, if not prevented by payment and more especially for the payment of an execution that Capt. Joseph Baxter has against the Town

3rdly, To hear the Report of any Committee, or Choose any Committ that the Town may think Proper.

Assembled as aforesaid. Royal Tyler, Esqr. Moderator.

Voted, That the Sum of £1000, be immediately assessed and ordered into the Treasury agreeably to the Vote of the Town on the Thirtieth day of may last.

Collectors that are excluded. Voted, that the assessors do not suffer the Tax Bill to go into the hands of any former Collectors that have Tax bills in their hands, that they are not properly discharged from by the Treasurer^{s} to home they are accountable.

Committee to Confer with the Treasurer. Voted, To Choose a Committee to confer with the Town's Treasurer, and to report to the Town at their annual meeting in March next, What in their opinion he ought to have for his services done for the Town in the office of Treasurer. Then Voted, that Messr^{s}. Capt. Peter B. Adams, Decon Samuel Holbrook Colo^{l}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. Mr. Sam^{ll}. Bass, and Mr. Joseph White Ju^{r}. be a Committee for that purpose.

Voted that Capt Peter B. Adams, Capt. John Vinton and Mr Sam^{ll}. Bass be a Committee to confer with Capt Joseph Baxter

with respect to a Settlement of an execu^{t}. that said Baxter has against the Town

[32] Anno Domini 1786.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth (viz.)

First, after a moderator Chosen, then to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

2^{d}ly, To hear the request of a number of the Inhabitants of this Town with respect to selling or Leasing the Town's Lands.

Capt. Adams moderator. Assembled as aforesaid and made choice of Capt Peter B. Adams, for a moderator.

County Treasurer. The votes for County Treasurer, being called for ware given in then sealed up and delivered to a Constable as the Law directs.

of selling or leasing the towns Lands. The Town then Voted to choose a Committee to take under consideration the second article in the Warrant and to report to this meeting in half an hour. then the Town made choice of Messr^{s}. Eben^{r}. Thayer Jr. James Brackett, Royal Tyler, Ichabod Holbrook Junr. John Vinton Thompson Baxter, Peter B. Adams, Moses French and Ichabod Holbrook, for said Committee and after taking said artical under their consideration they Report as followeth (viz)

Your Committee Reports to the Town that it is their opinion that it is expedient to Choose a Committee to examine into the Towns title to the Lands Petitioned for by General Palmer.

And if they shall concur that the Town have good right to sell the same, to report whither it is most for the Interest of the Town to sell the same and if they shall Judge it to be for the Towns Interest to sell them at what price they shall be estimated and sold.

2^{d}ly, To determine whether the Town if they have no title to sell the lands will Leas them and for how long term and Thirdly to confer with any persons who may incline to Purchase or hire the same and Generally to inspect the State of the Town Lands Petitioned for and to Report particularly to the Town at their March meeting or at [33] an adjournment of this meeting Signed

℘ Order, Ebenz^{r} Thayer Junr.

The Town then Voted to accept said Report and to Choose a Committee for the Purposes mentioned in said Report.

Voted, that their should be three Persons chosen for said Committee

Then ware seperately nominated and Chosen, Royal Tyler Esqr. Moses French & Ichabod Holbrook Junr. for said Committee.

The Town then Voted to disolve the meeting.

1786 March 6th.

The Anniversary Town Meeting for the Choice of Town Officers.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled at the Meeting house in the middle Precenct in said Town persuant to a legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth (viz.)

First, after a Moderator Chosen to Choose a Town Clerk, and all such other Town Officers for the present year the Law requires, also to receive the Votes for a County Register and County Treasurer

2dly, To Grant such sums of money and in such manner as may be Judged Needfull for the Towns use, as for the payment of debts, Suport of the Poor, the Schools &c.

3dly To Consider of and determine in what way they will repair the highways this present year.

4thly, To see if the Town will Build a Work House or a Receptacle for the Poor or to consider in what way it will be best for the Town to provide for the Poor and to act thereon as they shall think Proper.

To hear the Report of any of the Towns Committees and to choose any Committee as they shall think Proper.

[34] Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Royal Tyler Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

Moses French was chosen Town Clerk and Treasurer.

Capt John Vinton and Majr. Stephen Penniman offered themselves to the Town for said French's faithfully discharging the office of Treasurer.

Selectmen accompts. Voted, That the Selectmen exhibit their accompts and charges against the Town for the last year to be read to the Town, their accompts were presented seperately and read to the Town and the Town Voted their acceptance and approbation of said accompts.

Selectmen and Treasurer to report. Voted, That the Selectmen and Treasurer exhibit to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting the state of the Treasury and of the Towns debts.

Selectmen. Voted, To Choose three Selectmen, the Votes ware Given in Sorted, and Counted and Messs. Peter Boylstone Adams, Colol Ebenr. Thayer Jnr. and Mr. Saml. Bass, ware chosen.

again Selectmen. Voted, to choose four more Selectmen, one in each Precenct and one at Large. The Votes ware given in Sorted & counted and Messs. James Brackett, Stephen Penniman, and Joseph White Jur. ware chosen, then the Votes ware given in for one at large and Decon Samuel Holbrook was chosen.

Constables. Messrs. Gaius Thayer, Nathaniel Holbrook, and Ichabod Holbrook Junior ware Chosen Constables.

adjournment. Voted, To adjourn this meeting for one fortnight from this day to meet at this place at ten of clock in the fore noon.

[35] 1786 March 20th.

Assembled by adjournment from March 6th.

Benjn. Cleverly Jur. Nehemiah Thayer, and Lt Nathaniel Niles were chosen Tythingmen.

Fire Wardens. Messrs. Joseph Hunt, Seth Man Jur. and Atkins Clark ware chosen Fire Wardens.

Culler of Staves. Messs. Gaius Thayer, Saml. Hunt, & Nathaniel Niles.

Sealers of Leather. Mess^{s}. James Clark, Robert Hayden, & Sam^{ll}. Thayer.

Sealers of Wood Mess^{s}. Gaius Thayer, & Ebenz^{r}. White.

Surveyor of Lumber Mess^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Daniel Loring, Atkins Clark.

Highways to be repaired by a Tax. Voted To repair the highways By a Tax this present year and that the price of one days work be set at two shillings, and that a single poll be taxed one days work and the estates in proportion.

Surveyors of highways. Mess^{s}. Joseph Baxter, Mathew Pratt, Samuel Bass, Daniel Baxter, & Sam^{ll}. Nightingale, Jerem^{h} Niles Lemuel Veazie, Josiah French, William Hobart Silas Wild John Vinton Jr. Caleb Hunt & James Holbrook, John Stetson, Maj^{r} Seth Turner, Solomon White, Seth Man Ju^{r}. Nathaniel Spear, and Joshua French (Capt Eliphalet Sawen was chosen upon the adjournment May 15th

Fence Viewers. Mes^{s}. Jon^{a}. Baxter, Peter Brackett, Elisha French, Benj^{a}. Hayden, Junior, Joseph White Junr. & Thomas Wales.

Swine Run at Large. Voted, Liberty for swine to run at Large being Lawfully, yoked and Ringed.

Hogreaves. Mes^{s}. Edmund Billings, James Clark, Stephen Penniman, John Vinton, Willm. Linfield Junior, Maj^{r}. Seth Turner.

Fish Committee. Mes^{s}. Solomon Thayer, William Allen, Adam Hobart, Jacob Allen, Nehemiah Holbrook, Nathaniel French, & Nathaniel Hollis ware Chosen for a Committee to take care that the fish call'd Alewives be not obstructed in their passing up and down stream, and to regulate the time and places for catching said fish &c as the law directs.

[36] Committee for the Channell. Mes^{s}. David Person Hayward, Ebenezer White, William Hobart & Josiah Vinton, ware chosen a Committee to take care to prevent fish being caught in the channell between Braintree and Weymouth Contrary to Law.

James Bracket, excused, Selectmen Dea^{n}. Jon^{a}. Webb Jr. chosen. Voted, To excuse Mr James Brackett, from serving as a Selectmen this present year and the Town then made choice of decon Jonathan Webb Ju^{r}. to serve in his Room.

Wardens. Mess^{s}. Eben^{r}. Adams, Lemuel Badcock, William Allen, Caleb French, Micah White and David Whitcomb.

Voted to choose a Committee to settle with the Treasurer. Committee to settle with the Treasurer, at the close of the year. Colo^{ll}. Edmund Billings, Capt. John Vinton, & Lt. Nathaniel Niles ware chosen a Committee for that purpose.

Committee to consider of Laying out a road from Braintree to Bridgewater and Abington. Voted that Capt. Peter B. Adams, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman and Lt. Nath^{ll} Niles be a Committee to hear to the request of sundry persons in South Precenct, Respecting the Laying out a Road from Braintree to Bridgewater & Abingtown & to report to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting

Allowance to Moses French for a debt paid Capt. Vinton. Voted, that Moses French for his extraordinary trouble and expense in

discharging a debt of the Towns to Capt. John Vinton for the sum of 84£ that he the said French shall be paid by the Town the said 84lb. with Twelve pr. cent, for the same from the time that he paid it till he shall be paid.

Money due from Rents appropriated. Voted That the money due to the Town for Rents be appropriated to pay the afore mentioned Debt so far as that requires.

Work House. Voted, To Build a Receptacle for the Poor and then Voted, that said Vote shall not be reconsidered by the Town unless there shall be the number of 173 members of the Town that are voters present.

[37] Moses French allowd interest. Voted, To allow our Present Treasurer Moses French, Interest for sundry Ballances that ware due to him upon settlement with the Town which amounts to the sum of Eleven Pounds one shilling & six pence. See the Treasurers Book Page 368.

Grant to the Treasurer £21=10=0 Voted, To allow Moses French the sum of Twenty one Pounds and ten Shillings for his services as Treasurer for the Town for five years past.

Work house Voted, That the Work house or receptacle for the Poor be erected in the Middle Precenct and that the Building be sixty eight feet in Length, fourteen feet wide, with two Stacks of Chimneys and a Celler in the Centre Sixteen feet in Length and fourteen feet wide.

Committee to Build the Work house. Voted, to chuse a Committee to procure a suitable Plat or peice of Ground for said Building to stand on and such other necessary accommodations as the the nature and design of said Building may require. Messs. Gaius Thayer Saml. Holbrook, & Seth Turner ware Chosen a Committee for that purpose, and to Leet at Publick auction the Building of said House to such Persons as will do the same at the Lowest price.

Voted, that Messs. Peter B. Adams, Ebenr. Thayer Junr. & Moses French be a Committee to defend and take care of the suits commenced against the Town.

1000£ money Voted, To Raise the sum of one Thousand Pounds to be assessed upon the Polls and Estates within this Town.

Jan'y 29th.

money lent to the Town exempted from Tax Vote Reconsidered The Town Voted, that all moneys lent the Town for the purpose of hiring men into the Continental army should be exempted from taxes in said Town. The Town at this meeting Voted to Reconsider said Vote.

[38] Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April next to meet at this Place at two o'Clock P.M. —

April 3d.

Adjournment Assembled by adjournment from March 20th.

Collectors to be Chosen upon the adjournment. Voted, To re-

consider all the Votes that have been past respecting Collectors for this present year; and to defer the Choice of Collectors and the mode of Choosing unto the day of our annual meeting in May next.

Assizors of Bread. Mess^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Joseph Baxter, Samuel Holbrook, Joseph Allen, Joseph Spear Seth Turner.

the Committee for Building the Work house to Report at May meeting. Voted, That the Committe that ware Chosen by the Town to erect a work-house or Receptacle for the Poor proceed according to the vote of the Town at their Last meeting and to report of their doings on the day of our annual meeting in May next.

Collectors to settle with ye Treasurer Voted, That the Collectors of Town Taxes finish their Collections and settle with the Treasurer as soon as possibly may be.

Committee to draw upon ye Treas^{r}. Voted, that the Committee for Building the Workhouse have Liberty to draw money out of the Treasury as they shall have occasion for that purpose

The Treasurer to pay the Committee Voted, That the Treasurer pay the Committee for building the Workhouse from the money already assessed and in the hands of the Collectors.

adjourned Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the day of our annual meeting in May next, to meet at one o'clock P.M. at this place.

May 15th.

adjournment. The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by adjournment from April 3^{d}. 1786.

Workhouse. Voted, that the Committee appointed by the Town To Build a house for the Poor proceed and go on to Build said house according to the vote of the Town on the 20th. day of March Last.

[39] Collectors. Voted, That the Collecting of Taxes for this Present year be Let at Public auction, at this Time and Place to such Person or Persons as will by Biding undertak at the Lowest price, and that the Lowest Bider shall be the Collector Provided they procure Bondsmen to secure the Town. Such Bondsman as the Town shall accept.

Gaius Thayer for the North Precenct. The Taxes to be Collected for the North Precenct ware put up and were bid off by Mr Gaius Thayer to Collect for one Farthing upon the Pound and he was then chosen by the Town a Collector to Collect all the Taxes, for the North Precenct this Present year and to be paid one farthing upon the Pound for his service.

Colo^{ll}. Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. and Mr Elkanah Thayer, were offered and accepted by the Town to be Bonds men for the Collector.

Gaius Thayer for the middle Precenct. Then the Taxes for the Middle Precenct ware put up and ware Bid off by said Gaius Thayer to Collect for Two pence three Farthings upon the Pound for his service. The Town then Chose him a Collector for the Middle Precenct. Colo^{ll}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer & Mr Elkanah Thayer were again offered and excepted as Bondsmen for said Gaius Thayer.

Gaius Thayer for South Precenct. Then the Taxes for the South Precenct ware put up and ware bid off by said Thayer for three Pence, three Farthings, he was then Chosen Collector for the South Precenct and the same Bonds men above mentioned ware offered and excepted.

Surveyor of Highways. Capt. Eliphalet Sawen was chosen a surveyor of highways.

Hogreaves. Colo^{ll}. Edmund Billings, and Capt James Clark ware excused from serving as hogreaves this present year.

Capt. Thompson Baxter and L^{t}. Elijah Veazie, ware then Chosen by the Town to serve in their Room. The Town then Voted to Desolve the meeting, it was accordingly Desolved.

[40] April 3^{d}.
Anno Domini, 1786.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal Warrant to give in their votes for a Governor, Lt Governor, Counsellors and Senators, and gave in their votes as followeth.

Votes For Governor ware given in as Followeth.

His Excellency James Bowdoin	41 votes.

Votes for Lieut. Governor.

His Hon^{r}. Thomas Cushing	20 Votes
The Hon^{le}. Samuel Adams	62 Do.
The Hon^{le}. James Warren	6 Do.

Votes for Counsellors and Senators.

His Honour Thomas Cushing	8 Votes.
Hon^{le}. Stephen Metcalf	6
Hon^{le}. Cotton Tufts,	42
Hon^{le}. William Heath,	11
Peter Boylston Adams Esqr.	20
Hon^{le}. Benj^{m}. Lincoln	35
Hon^{le}. Samuel Adams,	20
Hon^{le}. Sam^{ll} Niles,	34
Hon^{le} Richard Cranch,	43
Hon^{le}. John Lowel,	41

[41] Braintree May 15th. 1786.
Anno Domini 1786.

The Inhabitants Assembled at the meeting house in the middle Precenct, in said Town persuant to a Legal Warrant, the Particulars whereof are as followeth (viz.)

First, after a Moderator is chosen, to Choose a Committee to Collect, Count and sort the votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Sec^{d}ly, to Elect one or more Sutable Person or Persons, as the Town shall think Proper to Represent the Town in the Great and General Court this Present year, and also to adopt such a mode for instructing their Representative as they shall think Proper.

Assembled as aforesaid. Royal Tyler Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

Mes^{s}. Royal Tyler, Esqr. Colo^{ll} Edmund Billings and Moses

French were chosen a Committee to Collect, Count and sort the Votes, for a Register of Deeds for the County.

The Written Votes of such Persons as ware qualified By the Constitution to vote for Representatives having been by the said Royal Tyler, Edmund Billings, & M. French, Collected, Sorted and Counted, it appeared that the following Persons ware Voted for as a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk, and had the number of votes set against their Respective names, viz.

Joshua Henshaw,	139 Votes
Nathaniel Green,	22
Stephen Miller,	10.

The Persons Voted for and the Number of votes for each Person was Publickly Read in Open town meeting, and a Copie of the same Transmitted to the Town Clerk, to be proceeded with as the Law requires.

Voted, to Send one member of the Town as Representative to the General Court this present year.

Colo^{ll} Eben^{r} Thayer Representative. The Votes ware given in carefully Sorted, and Counted and it appeared that Colo^{ll} Ebenez^{r}. Thayer Junior was chosen Representative afor^{d}.

[42] After the Town had made choice of Colo^{ll}. Ebenz^{r}. Thayer Ju^{r}. for their Representative, They then Voted to Choose a Committee of nine persons to prepare instructions for their Representative and that the instructions prepaired by said Committee be presented to the Town for their approbation previous to their being delivered to the Representative

Then Mes^{s}. Ephraim Wales, Edmund Billings, Stephen Penniman, Peter B. Adams, Azariah Faxon, Jabez Porter, Samuel Bass Sec^{d}. Samuel Holbrook, & Moses French were chosen a Committee for that purpose, to wit, to prepair instructions and to offer them to the Town at the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to this day three week, then to meet at this place at four of the clock in the afternoon to which time and place the meeting stands adjourned

June 5th.

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by adjournment from May 15th.

The instructions that were prepaired for our Representative; was offered to the Town and were debated upon untill it was dark in the house; and the inhabitants Dispersed without passing any Vote whatever.

[43] July 3

Anno Domini 1786.

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by a legal Warrant the Particulars whereof are as followeth (as to wit).

First, after a Moderator chosen, To hear the request of sundry of the inhabitants of the Town who petitioned that this meeting might be called for the purpose of instructing our Representative

and to act in that affair as the Town shall think proper when assembled.

Sec^{d}.ly, To consider of the list of Jurors to be exhibited by the Selectmen and to determine who shall be considered as Lyable to serve & who not.

3^{d}ly, To hear the report of any former Committee and to choose any new Committee as the Town shall think proper.

Assembled as aforesaid, Capt. John Vinton was chosen Moderator.

Voted, that it is necessary to instruct our representative in his political conduct, in the General Court.

Voted, That a Committee of five Persons be chosen to prepair instructions as afors^{d}. and to offer them to the Town, that they may approve or disapprove at this meeting.

Then ware seperately nominated and chosen Messrs. Azariah Faxon, Silas Wild, Stephen Penniman Joseph White Junior and Zacheus Thayer a Committee for that purpose.

The Meeting adjourned for half an hour and then to hear the report of the Committee.

The Committee report the following articles for instructions for our Representative (as to wit)

1st, To remove the Court from Boston.

2^{d}.ly, To Tax all Public Securities.

3^{d}ly, To Tax money on hand and on Interest.

4th.ly, To Lower the Sallery of place men.

[44] 5thly, Make Land a Tender for all debts at the Price it stood at when the debts ware contracted

6thly, To take some measur to prevent the growing Power of Attorneys or Barristers at Law.

Voted, That the afforegoings articals of instructions are agreeable to the minds of the inhabitants and that the Committee serve our present Representative with a Coppy of the same.

The List of Juriors presented to the Town By the Selectmen ware read over in Town meeting was disapproved by the Town and were ordered back into the hand of the Selectmen for a Revisal and to be offered again to the Town at the next meeting.

The Town then by a unanimous vote desolved the meeting.

July 18th.

Sealers of Fish &c. Mr. William Arnold having been chosen by the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree a packer and searcher of Barrel Beef Pork & Fish, This day personally appeared and was duly sworn to the faithfull discharge of said office

Before me M French, Town Clerk.

July 29th.

M^{r}. Samuel Hunt having been chosen by the Selectmen of the Town of Braintree a Searcher and Packer of Barrel Beef, Pork & Fish, This day personally appeared and was duly sworn to the faithfull discharge of said office.

Before me, M. French, Town Clerk.

[45] Septr. 25th.
Anno Domini 1786.

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by a Legal Warrants the particulars whereof are as followeth viz.

First, After a Moderator Chosen To give in ther Votes for a County Register of Deeds.

2^{d}ly, To see if the Town will appoint some sutable Person or Persons to take care of the Town's house and to Oversee the Towns Poor that may be deposited therein.

3^{d}ly To take into consideration the affair of those Collectors who are deficient in their collecting and and settleing with the Treasurer according to their contracts with the Town.

4th.ly, To See if the Town will give any new instructions to their Representative, as it is expected that the General Court will soon be assembled.

Septr. 25th.

Moderator. The Inhabitants assembled as aforesaid. Mr. Azariah Faxon was chosen Moderator.

A Committee. Mess^{s}. Azariah Faxon and Samuel Holbrook ware chosen a Committee to collect sort and Count the votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Register. The Written votes of such Persons as were qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representative having been by the said Committee collected Sorted, and counted it appeared that the following persons were voted for, as a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk and had the number of Votes set against their respective names.

viz.	Joshua Henshaw	64 Votes
	Nathaniel Green	6 Do.

The Persons Voted for and the Number of Votes for each Person was publicly read in open town meeting and Committed to the Town Clerk to be proceeded with as the Law requires.

Voted, to choose one person to take care of the poor in the alms house under the direction and inspection of the Selectmen.

[46] Overseer Alms house. Voted, to choose an Overseer for the almshouse by nomination Capt Jonathan Thayer was nominated and chosen for that purpose.

Selectmen to Look after deficient Collectors. Voted, that the Selectmen use their best endeavour to get securet from Ephraim Blanchard Junr. to save the Town from Loos for his deficiency in not collecting taxes committed to him to collect & settling with the Treasurers according to his contract with the Town, for which deficiency their is now an execution in the hands of Moses French and that the Selectmen advise said French how to conduct with s^{d} execut, at the same time, Voted, that the Selectmen take care to save the Town if possible from Loos, by Daniel Frenches deficiency in collecting & settling with the Treasurers according to his contract.

Voted, To instruct our Representative.

To Colo^{ll}. Ebenezer Thayer

Sir. This Town having made Choice of you to Represent them in the Great & General Court this present year, apprehend it their indisputable Duty as well as undoubted right to instruct you relative to sundry important matters which ought so far to be a rule of your political conduct, as we have but just immergd from the horrors of a most tedious and unnatural war and taken Rank among the Regal Powers of the World, or ever had entered the possessions of that darling freedom which cost us allmost everything that was dear.

The clouds are gathering over our heads pregnant with the most gloomy aspects, we abhor and detest violent measures. To fly to Clubs or Armes, to divert the impending Ruin the consequences of which would render us easy victims to foreign and inveterate foes. No as Loyal Subjects & Cytizens inflamed with true Patriotism we feel ourselves chearfully willing to lend our aid at all times in supporting the dignity of Government but in as much as there are numerous Grievances or intolurable Burthens by some means or other lying on the Good Subjects of this republic, Our Eyes under Heaven, are upon the Legislature of this Commonwealth and their names will shine Brighter in the American annals by preserving the invaluable Liberties of their own People than if they ware to Cary the Terror of their Armes as far as Gibralter, we therefore under these considerations do instruct you that in the next session you give your close attention [47] attention and use your utmost afforts that the following grievances and unnecessary Burthens be redressed, viz.

First, That the Public Salarys of this Commonwealth be reduced in an equitable manner. We feel ourselves willing that every Public officer should receive a Quantum Meruit but not an extravigant salary. And also that the number of salary men be reduced.

2^{d}ly, That the Court of Common Pleas and the General sessions of the Peace be removed in perpetuam rei Memoriam.

3^{d}ly, that the money raised by Import and excise be appropriated to pay our foreign Debt.

4thly, we are of opinion that there are unreasonable Grants made to some of the officers of Government.

5thly, we object against the mode adopted for Collecting and paying the Last tax.

6thly, We humbly request that there may be such Laws compiled as may crush or at least put a proper check or restraint on that order of Gentlemen denominated Lawyers the completion of whos modern conduct appears to us to tend rather to the distruction than the preservation of this Commonwealth.

7thly, That the General Court be removed from Boston.

8thly, That Real and Personal Estate be a tender for all debts when call'd for provided the Interest be punctually paid.

9thly, That Certain premiums be granted to encourage our own Manufactures.

10th, That if the above grievances cannot be redres^{d}. without a revision of Constitution, in that case for that to take place

11thly, It is our earnest Request that every Town Clerk be a Register of Deeds for the same Town.

The foregoing instructions ware Read this day in Town meeting and the Town then Voted that their Clerk should serve their Representative with a Copie of the same and that he record them in the Town Book and that they be Published in the Public Print

The Town then Voted to Desolve the meeting

[48] Jan'ry 15th.

Anno Domini 1787

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by a Legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth, viz.

First, After a Moderator is chosen, To hear an address from the General Court to the people of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

2dly, To consider what meathod may be best for the Town to persue for the discharging of the Towns Debts more especially those debt which are pressingly cald. for.

3dly, To Consider of some meathod that may be proposed for negotiating the Towns Debts without immediate payment and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

4thly, To see if the Town will give any new instructions to the Selectmen with respect to providing for the Towns Poor.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Mr. Azariah Faxon was chosen Moderator. The Address of the General Court was Read in open Town meeting

The Treasurer to negotiate with ye towns Creditors Voted that the Treasurer be allowed to negotiate with the Towns Creditors by shifting their securities as he shall think Proper.

The Treasurer to call on ye Collectors. Voted that the Treasurer Call upon the Collectors for the immediate payment of the Town Taxes now in their hands.

The Towns Poor where to be provided for Voted, that the Town will afford no support to any of the Towns poor but to such as are or may be deposited in the Towns Hows Buil for that purpose

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

[49] January 29th.

Anno Domini 1787.

The Inhabitants of the Town assembled by a legal Warrant the particulars whereof are as followeth (viz).

First, After a Moderator is chosen; to see what meathod the the Town, will take to replace a quantity of ammunition taken from the Towns stock, and to act thereon as the Town shall think proper.

2d.ly, To see whether the Town disannuls a vote that was passed at a late Meeting in said Town concerning a Collector that was chosen to Collect the taxes that are now in the hands of the assessors and to see if the Town will choose Collectors for each Precenct to Collect the same Tax.

3dly, To see if the Town will recall or dismiss their present Representative or to give him further instructions.

4th.ly To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any committee as the Town shall think Proper.

5th.ly, To act upon any other matter or thing that the Town shall think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid.

Moderator. Decon Samuel Holbrook was chosen Moderator.

Voted, That the Selectmen diligently enquire into the circumstances of the Town Stock of Powders, Balls flints &c and to supply the deficiency; So that the Stock be compleatly full as the Law requires.

The second article in the warrant was then taken under consideration and after some small debate the Town Voted, to dismiss the article.

The the Third article was taken up and dismised in the same manner.

It was then moved and seconded to disolve the meeting the motion being put it was determined by a large majority of vote to disolve the meeting,

and it was declard. by the Moderator that the meeting was dissolved.

[50] 1787 March 5th.

Anno Domini 1787.

The anniversary town meeting for the choice of town Officers for the year one thousand seven hundred & eighty seven.

The freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified by Law to vote in town affairs being legally assembled at the Meeting house in the Middle Precenct of said Town for the choice of town Officers and for transacting other affairs of said town the particulars whereof as they were inserted in the Warrants are as follows (viz) after a Moderator chosen.

First to choose a town Clerk and all such other town officers for this present year that the Law Requirs also to give in their Votes for a County Treasurer.

2dly To see what meathod the town will take to repair the highways, this present year

3dly To see what the Town will do Relative to Renting or improving the Towns Lands as the Former leases run out.

4th.ly To see if the Town will Raise money to defrey the expenses of the town and to Determine what sum may be necessary.

5thly To hear the Request of Benjamin Baxter and to act thereon as the Town shall think Proper.

6thly, To Choose an Overseer of the Poor and to Determine what way they shall be supplyed or Provided for.

7thly To see what meathod the town will take to discharge such of the towns Debts as are pressingly called for.

8th.ly, to hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committee that the town shall think proper when assembled.

[51] 1787 March 5th.
Anno Domini 1787

Moderator. Anniversary Meeting assembled as aforesaid, Majr Stephen Penniman Chosen Moderator.

Clerk & Treasurer John Vinton was Chosen Clerk & treasurer.

Selectmen. Voted, to choose three Selectmen one in each Precenct.

Capt. John Hall, Majr. Stephen Penniman & Joseph White Juner ware Chosen Selectmen.

Assessors. Voted, That the Selectmen now chosen be the Lieut. Elijah Veazie Juner, Nathaniel Holbrook & Lieut. Ichabod Holbrook Jur. was Chosen Constables.

Wardens. Deaon. Jonathan Webb, Jnr. Capt Thompson Baxter, Capt Isaac Thayer Mr Daniel Loring, Edward Faxon & Capt Thomas French was chosen.

Fire Wardens. Fire Wardens, Joseph Hunt, Seth Man Jur. & Atkins Clark was chosen.

Cullers of Staves. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson & Lt. Nathaniel Niels was chosen

Sealers of Leather. Capt. Joseph Baxter, Jacob Allen, & Jonathan Thayer 3d was chosen

Sealers of Wood. Ebenezer Brackitt & Ebenezer White was chosen.

Surveyors of Lumber. Joshua Samson, Gaius Thayer, & Atkins Clark was chosen.

Voted to repair the highways by a tax as usual and that a singal Days work be set at two shillings & six pence and the estates in Proportion.

Surveyors of Highways Mess Jonathan Rawson, John Bass, Jackson Field, Matthew Pratt, Capt. Thompson Baxter, Elkanah Thayer, William Thayer, Nehemiah Holbrook, Majr Jeremiah Niles Joseph Hollis, Samuel Miller Thayer, Caleb Hayward and Lieut Ambrose Salisbury was chosen. [52] Messrs Eliphalet Sawen Jur. Nathaniel Payn, Edward Faxon, Levi Thayer, Benjamin Man, Caleb White Seth Turner Jur. & Joshua French, was chosen for the South precenct

Fence Viewers. Conl. Edward Billings, Ensn. Samuel Bass, Decon Samuel Holbrook Lt. Robert Hayden, Mr. Jonathan Wales, & Ensn. Isaac Spear was chosen.

Tythingman. Peter B. Adams, Esqr. Mes. Nehemiah Thayer, & Samuel Jones was chosen.

Hogg-reaves. Mess. James Hayward Aseph Faxon Jonathan Arnold, Elisha French, Solomon Thayer, Samuel Linfield

Fish Committee. Mess. Caleb Hunt, Hobart Clark, Nathaniel Hollis Nehemiah Thayer, Nehemiah Holbrook, & Solomon Thayer.

Committee for the Channell. Mes. Daniel Loring, Edmund Soper, William Arnold, & David P. Hayward was chosen.

Committee to Rent the towns land. Voted, to choose a Committee to Rent the towns Land for five years Colo. Edmund Bil-

lings, Col°. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Capt. Eliphalet Sawen was chosen for that Purpose.

Voted, that Col°. Edmund Billings, Col°. Ebenezer Thayer Ju^r. & Lt. Nathaniel Niles be a Committee to settle with the Treasurers & transfer the Books to John Vinton who is now chosen town clerk & treasurer.

Voted the Selectmen settle with Benj^a Baxter. Voted that the Selectmen settle with Benjamin Baxter and Report to the Town at the adjournment.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the First Monday in April next to meet at this Place at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

1787 April 2^d.

Assembled by adjournment from March 5th. 1787.

A Committee to Dispose of the Towns land in Roxbury. Voted, that Peter B. Adams Esqr. Col. Ebenezer Thayer Ju^r. Mr Samuel Bass, Be a Committee to Dispose of the Towns Interest in Roxbury, (viz.) the House and Land improved by Benjamin Baxter.

[53] allowance to the Overseer of Poor. Capt. Jonathan thayer was chosen overseer of the Towns Poor.

Voted, to Give Capt Jonathan thayer three Pounds twelve shillings for his back services as overseer of the Poor.

Overseer of the Poor excused. Voted to excuse Capt. Jonathan thayer from Surving as overseer of the Poor the Present year.

Voted to Choose Capt. Silas Wild to oversee the Town Poor the Present year.

Voted, That the Selectmen Provid for the town Poor the Present Year.

Voted, to Reconsider the Last vote, then voted that the overseer Provid for the towns Poor under the direction of the Selectmen.

Committe report for Settling with the Treas^r. &c. Voted, to except of the Report of the Committee to settle with their late Treas^r. and to transfair the Books &c to their Present treas^r. which Report is Recorded in the Treas^rs. Book Page 375.

Treasurer^s directions to Issue Exec^n. Voted, that the Treasurer Issue Executions against all the Collectors save those for Last year that Dos not Complet their Collection and settle up their Bills within two months from the second day of April 1787.

Committee for Leting out Land. Voted that The Committee for Letting out the town Land should Let it out to be Improved as they should think best.

Warden in Room of Capt French. Voted, to Choose and other person to serve as warden Insted of Capt. Thomas French.

Warden. Capt. Eliphalet Sawen was chosen to serve as Warden insted of Capt. Thomas French.

Warden excused. Voted, to excuse Dec^on. Jonathan Webb Ju^r. from serving warden this Present year.

Warden. Mr. Jonathan Mash was chosen to serve as warden in Sted of Dc^on. Jonathan Webb Ju^r.

Committee for Settling with the treas^y. Voted, to choose a Committee to settle with the treas^r. at the end of the year Col.

Edmund Billings, Coll. Ebenezer Thayer Ju^{r}. and Mr. Joseph White Ju^{r}. was Chosen for that purpose.

[54] Votes for County Treas^{r}. Votes was given in for a County Treas^{r}. sorted & counted & sealed up & Delivered to a Constable as the Law directs.

allowance for Lydia Hayden. Voted, The Selectmen allow the Pason that has keept Lydia Hayden, the same sum Pr. week for keeping her as she has cost the town Pr week for six months past.

Meeting adjourned. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to our anniversary town meeting in May next, to meet at this Place at one of the Clock afternoon.

1787 May 17th.

The anniversary town meeting adjournd from April 2^{d}. to this day assembled by adjournment from April 2^{d}.

Voted, to choose a Committee to instruct our Representative the ensuing year.

Voted, to choose five Persons for the above purpose.

Voted, that the above said Committee should Sarve with out pay.

Committee to instruct the Representative. Mr. Joseph White Junr. Peter B. Adams, Esqr. Dec^{on} Samuel Holbrook Mr. Azariah Faxon, and Richard Cranch Esqr. was Chosen for a Committee to instruct our Representative.

Instructions to be laid before the town. Voted, That the Instructions Drafted by the Committee should be laid before the town for there approbation before they are Presented to the Representative.

Wardens. Voted, to choose one more warden. David Lin field Jr. was chosen to serve as a warden.

Voted, to choose Lt. William Allen to sarve as warden in Room of Mr Daniel Loring.

Tythingman. Mr. Jesse Pratt was Choosen to sarve as a tythingman.

Committee for Renting the Towns Land. Voted, to except of the Committees Report that Let out the town Land for five years Recorded in the Treasurer's Book page 377.

Surveyor of highways excus^{d}. Voted to excuse Mr. Jackson Field from serving as Surveyor of Highways the Present year.

Surveyor of highways Chosen. Voted, to Choose Mr. William Field to Sarve as Surveyor of Highways the insewing year.

adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in June next to this Place, at four o'clock afternoon.

[55] April 2^{d}.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled by a legal warrant to give in their Votes for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators, and gave them in as followeth (viz) Votes for Governor as followeth.

His Exelency James Bowdoin,	40 Votes.
His Exelency John Hancock,	181 Do.
His Honor Benjamin Lincoln	3 Do
	224 Votes

Votes for Lieut. Governor as followeth (viz)

His Hon^{r}. Joseph Palmer,	1	vote.
His Hon^{r}. Samuel Adams,	2	Do
His Hon^{r}. Thomas Cushing	5	Do.
His Hon^{r}. Benjamin Lincoln	59	Do
Hon^{r}. William Heath	154	Do
	221	votes.

Votes for Counsellors and Senators as followeth (viz)

Hon^{r}. Thomas Cushing	5	votes.
Hon^{r}. Stephen Metcalf	45	Do.
Hon^{r}. Cotton Tufts,	42	Do.
Hon^{r}. William Heath	7	Do.
Hon^{r}. Samuel Adams,	37	Do.
Hon^{r}. Richard Cranch	42	Do.
Hon^{r}. Samuel Niles,	1	Do
Hon^{r}. Benjamin Austens	31	Do.
Mr. Benjamin Austens Jr.	146	Do
Elijah Dunbar Esqr.	143	Do.
Dr. John Metcalf,	145	Do.
Hon^{r}. James Warren,	143	Do.
Col. Charles Cushing	145	Do
Dec^{on}. Jonathan Mason,	145	Do.
William Phillips Esqr.	7	Do
Dec^{n}. Jabez Fisher,	1	Do
Mr. Stephen Higgeson	6	Do
Thomas Dawes Esqr.	35	Do.

and so they Rap'd it up.

[56] May 17, 1787.
Anno Domini 1787.

The anniversary town meeting for the choice of Representative the Inhabitants of the town assembled By legal Warrant agreeable the Constitution to elect one or more suitable Person or Persons, to Represent this town in the Great and General Court of the Commonwealth this Present year.

Col^{ll}. Ebenezer Thayer Ju^{r}. Representative. Assembled as aforesaid and gave in their votes which being sorted & Counted it was declared that Col^{o}. Ebenezer thayer Ju^{r}. was chosen by the majority of twelve votes.

Then the meeting was dissolved.

1787 June 4.

Assembled by adjournment from May 17th. 1787, to this time.

Obstructions of the Fish. Voted, to Choose a Committee to Remove the obstruction of the Fish in the falls back of Mr Abraham Thayers mill.

Committee Voted, Messrs Elisha French, Isaac Thayer, & Elijah Thayer 2nd was Choose for that purpose.

Instructions. Clerk ordered to Publish the Instructions. Voted, the Instructions be delivered to the town Clerk and he is Directed

to Publish them in the Public Print & Deliver a Copy of the same to our Representative when it is known who he is (it was very soon found out who he was as he had 12 votes the majority according to your own Records.)

Instructions. Voted, the Instructions Drafted by the towns Committee for that purpose and offered to the town was agreeable to there minds.

allowance to Dec^{on} Holbrook. Voted, to allow Dec^{on}. Samuel Holbrook six Pounds that he paid for the land the towns Poor house stands on.

Dec^{on} Holbrook to settle with Mr. Joseph Beele. Voted, That Dec^{on}. Samuel Holbrook be desired to settle with Mr. Joseph Beeles the attachment he has on the Town Poor house lot in the best way he can for the towns interest

[57] Committee Voted, to choose a Committee to take cair of and surport Petition of a number of the Inhabitants of this town to the General Court objecting to the choice of our Representative, being legal

Committee Voted, Mr. Azariah Faxon Esq. Capt. Eliphalet Sawen & John Vinton be the Committee for the aforesaid purpose.

The Selectmen to settle & Reconvey to Benjamin Baxter that house & Land in Roxbury — Voted, to reconvey to Benjamin Baxter that house & Land in Roxbury that belongs to this town his discharging the town from a Debt the town Borrowed of Harrison Gray Esqr. and his giving the town good security for a further sum of twenty Pounds.

Voted, the Selectmen be a Committee to settle the above affair with Benjamin Baxter & Reconvey said house & Land to said Baxter his fulfiling as above

Not to pay compound interest. Voted, that the Treasurer be Directed not to pay aney more Compound Interest that shall becom due after this date.

Collectors to have one month longer. Voted, those Collectors that the town directed there Treasurer, to Issue his warrants against in two months from the second day of April Last, have one month more to complet their Collections & no longer

meeting dissolved. the Bisness of the warrant being finished the meeting was Dissolved by the Moderator.

[58] Oct. 8.

Anno Domini 1787.

First The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree assembled at the meeting house in the middle precinct in said town by a Legal warrant the Particulars whereof are as follows firs after a Moderator chosen to see what the town will do with a number of Persons who advanced money to heir men for the Public Service in the year 1776 and now request the same to be refunded to them again.

2^{d}ly To see if the Town will give their Representative any other Instructions than those all Ready Voted. 3^{d}ly, To see what way or meathod the Town will take to settle with Mr. Ebenezer Clark Re-

specting his land bid of by the Selectmen of said Town the year Past and act thereon as they shall think proper. 4th.ly, to see if the town will seil a Part or all the Rooms in the Town House they built for the Poor of said Town. 5thly To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to pay the Towns Debts and to Defrey Charges. 6thly To what meathod the town will take to Secure the debt due from Benjamin Baxter of Roxbury to this Town.

7th. To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to pay any Particular Debt or Debts due from the Town.

8thly To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committee the Town shall think proper when assembled.

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid maid choice of Mr. Azariah Faxon Moderator of said meeting.

Directions of the Selectmen. Voted, to pass over the first article in the Warrant & that the Selectmen be directed not to pay any sums to those persons mentioned in the said first artical till further orders from the town.

Voted, To pass over the second article in the warrant.

Dea. Holbrook to settle Mr Clark's execution for State tax No. 1. Voted, to empower Decon. Samuel Holbrook to settle Ebenezer Clark's Execution against him in the hands of Deacn Moses French for State Tax No. 1.

Deacn. Holbrook to settle with Do Respecting his land. Voted, to empower Decon Samuel Holbrook to settle with Ebenezer Clark Respecting his Land the Selectmen Bid of the year Past, and to Release said Land to said Clark when he has Paid for the same.

[59] Ebenzr. Clark Jur. to have 3 weeks to compleat. Voted, to give Mr. Ebenezer Clark Jur. three weeks to compleat His Indentor to the Town Respecting the work house he was to build

Voted, to seil the whole of the Rooms in the work house.

Committee for Seiling the work house Voted, to choose a Committeee for the above purpose then Mr Gaius thayer Decon Samuel Holbrook & Majr Seth Turner was Chosen a Committee for the seiling the work house.

Voted, said Committee Let out said seiling to the Loest bider & not to Receive said seiling till it is compleat according the Committee articals agreed on.

Voted to pass over Raising money. Voted to pass over the fifth artical in the warrant Respecting Raising money.

The Committee to settle with Benjamin Baxter & the old Selectmen Respecting Baxters House & Land Voted, to choose a Committee to settle the affair with Benja Baxter & the old Selectmen that took a Deed of the house & Land formerly belong'd to said Baxter & to settle the matter & then Report to the Town.

Voted, to choose three Persons for said Committee

then Colo. Ebenezer thayer Jur. Dean. Moses French & Capt. John Hall were chosen a Committee for the aforesaid Purpose.

Balance from Baxter to this town appropreated to be paid to Decon French. Voted, to appropreate the Ballance that may be due from Benjamin Baxter to this town after a note is Paid that

said old Selectmen gave Harrison Gray Esqr. for about ninty three Pounds & interest, to Pay Part of a note of eighty four pounds this town owes to Dea^{on}. Moses French.

Voted to dissolve the meeting & it was accordingly dissolved by the Moderator

the report of the Committee for Settling with Benjamin Baxter &c excepted Decr. 3, 1787. At a meeting of the inhabitants of the town by legal warrant Recorded in the next page the Report of the Committee for Settling with Benjamin Baxter & the former Selectmen was ofered to the town & excepted & is Recorded in the Treasurers Book Page 379

This being not Recorded in the next Page was for want of Room.

ꝑr. Jno. Vinton Town Clerk.

[60] Decr. 3.

Anno Domini 1787.

the Inhabitants of the town of Braintree assembled at the meeting house in the Middle Precenct in said town By legal warrant the Particulars whereof are as follows.

After a Moderator Chosen.

First to chuse a Delegate or delegates to Represent them in a Convention which is to meet at the State house in Boston on the second wednesday of January next according to Resolve of the Legislature of this Commonwealth the twenty fifth of October last.

2^{d}ly, to see if the Town will give to their Delegate or Delegates instructions.

3^{d}ly, to see what the town will Do Respecting & Execution the State Treasurer has granted against Ephraim Blanchard for back taxes.

4thly, to hear the Report of any Committee or Chuse any Committee the town shall think Proper when assembled as aforesaid.

Voted, that the Selectmen should act as Moderators.

Voted, that the form of Government be Read at the opening of the meeting.

Voted, to Purseed to the Choriss of a Delegate or Delegates

Delegates for the Convention. Voted, to Chuse two Persons to Represent them at the said Convention then the Votes was given in sorted & counted and it appeared that Richard Cranch Esqr. was chosen for one of the Delegates, then the votes was given in sorted & counted & the Rev^{d}. Mr. Anthoney wiberd was Chosen for the other Delegate.

Voted, to Pass over the second article in the warrant.

The Selectmen to pay the executions vs Ephraim Blancher Jr. Voted, that the town would Pay the Execution against Ephraim Blancher Jn^{r}. & that the Selectmen take security of Real Estate of his bondsmen for the sum it cost the town unless he makes Payment for said sum by Discharging the town of sum of their Debts.

Voted to Dissolve the meeting & it was accordingly Dissolved.

[61] 1788 March 3d.
Anno Domini 1788.

The Anniversary Town meeting for the Choice of Town officers &c.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualifyd to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting house in the Middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legall Warrants to Transact the affairs of said Town, particulars whereof as Inserted in said warrants are as follows, Viz)

Warrants. First, after a moderator Choosen to choose a Town Clerk and all such town officers for the present Year as the Law Requires also to Receive the Votes for a County Treasurer:

Secondly, to Raise such sum or sums of money for the use of the Town as shall be needed to pay debts & to Defrey Charges &c.

Thirdly, to see what method the Town will take to Repair the Highways this present Year.

Fourthly, to see if the Town will fence their land that the house built for the Poor stands on.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will appropriate any Particular sum or sums of money for the use of Schooling this present year or to pay any particular Debts the town owes.

Sixthly, to hear the Report of any Committee or choose any Committee the Town shall think proper when assembld

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Colo. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Moderator.

Town Clerk. Moderator. Voted, to choose the Town Clerk by Ballot votes being brought in sorted and Counted Ebenezer Thayer junr was choose by a Majority 58 votes and was Sworn into said Office he was excused from being Moderator. Decn. Moses French was choose moderator.

Treasurer. Ebenezer Thayer junr was choose Town Treasurer.

Voted, that there be three Selectmen choosen in the Town for this present year one in each Precienct. Then the follows persons was Choosen

[62] Selectmen Peter Boylston Adams Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer junr & Mr Joseph White Junr. were choosen Selectmen.

Assessors. Voted, the three Selectmen be three of the Assessors for the ensuing year and also voted to choose six more assessors (viz) two in each Precienct, then Capt Jonathan Webb & Capt John Hall was choosen for the North Precienct, Capt. Hall refused to serve. Mes. Hobart Clark & Nehemiah Holbrook was choosen for the Middle Precinct assessors. The meeting then adjourned to monday the seventeenth instant 10 o'clock forenoon.

March 17th.

Wardens Act Read. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the third Instant, The Clerk Read the Warden Act.

Wardens. Voted, that it shall be considered as a disorder & treated as such for any person who shall git on the Seats with their Feet in any part of the meeting House. Then proceeded to

the choice of Wardens. the following Persons was chosen, Mes^{s}. William Adams & Jonathan Marsh, Mr Solomon Thayer sec^{d}. & Capt Jonathan Thayer Capt Elisha Wales, & Samuel Linsfield.

Assessors. Lieut. Seth Spear was choose an assessor for the North Precienct, and Samuel Bass Esqr. & Lieut Nathaniel Niles was choose assessors South.

Constables. Voted, the Constables that shall be choosen for the ensuing year shall not have any pay for warning Town Meetings, warning persons out of Town or any other business that they may do for the Town, and that a Notification posted up, in some public place in such precienct in the Town shall be considered a Warning for Town Meeting. Then Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer, William Hobart & Barnabas Clark was chosen and sworn and accepted upon the above Conditions.

[63] Doct^{r}. Holbrooks acco^{t}. Cap Hall presented two Acco^{t} of Doct^{r}. Amos Holbrook for sun^{d} visits &c for Jon^{a} Fesenden & for Jon^{a}. Field which the Town voted not to allow.

Fire Wardens Joseph Hunt, Seth Mann jun^{r} & Atkins Clark.

Culler of Stavis Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson & Nathaniel Niles.

Sealers Wood. Mes^{s}. Ebenezer Brackett and Joseph Allen

Surveyors Lumber. Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer Joshua Samson & Atkins Clark.

Highways Surveyors of Highways. Voted, to Repair the Highways by a Tax and that a single poll pay three shillings and the Estates in the same proportion and that there be allowed three shillings for one Days work and the other Labour in the usual proportion. surveyors choosen (Viz) Mes^{s} William Glover Joseph Woodward, Joseph Field, John Nightingale & Seth Spear for the North Precienct. Mes^{s}. Benjamin Hayden jun^{r} William Thayer Neh^{ch}. Holbrook, John Holbrook, Richard Thayer, Samuel Miller Thayer Caleb Hayward Caleb Hunt & Silas Wild for Middle Precienct. Mes^{s}. John Wild, Elisha Wales, Nathaniel Spear Ichabod Holbrook, Joseph Tower, David Whitcomb Doct^{r}. Ephraim Wales & Barnabas Clark for the South precienct

Voted, that the Selectmen deliver the Districts to the Surveyors in the month of April and that the Surveyors make a return to the assessors by the Last of October next if their be any delinquents.

Fence Viewers. Col^{o}. Edmund Billings Mr. Samuel Bass, Dec^{on} Samuel Holbrook Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r} & Mess. Jonathan Wales & Isaac Spear, Fence Viewers

Tythingmen. Mess. Elijah Veazie jun^{r} Adam Hobart & Seth Turner jun^{r}.

Hogg-reaves. Mess. Samuel Nightingall, Daniel Baxter, Joseph Veazie Silvenus French, Samuel Linsfield Elisha Wales & John French.

Sealers of Leather. Mes^{rs}. Joseph Baxter, Jacob Allen & Jonathan Thayer 3^{d}.

[64] Fish Committee. Mes^{s}. Ambros Salisbury, Abijah Allen, Jonathan Holbrook, Josiah French, Nehemiah Holbrook & Na-

thaniel Wales Junr. be a Committee to see that the Fish are not obstructed in their passing to and from the Ponds by Dams ; and also Voted that they be directed to forbid all persons excepting Town Inhabitants from catching any Fish within this Town.

Committee for the Channell. Mes^{s}. David P. Hayward, Ebenezer White, William Hobart and Josiah Vinton be a Committee to take cair of ye Channell.

Assizors of Bread. Dec^{n}. Jonathan Webb sec^{d}. & Lieut. Ambros Salisbury, Seth Turner.

Selectmen to exhibit Expence to the Town. Voted, the Selectmen be directed to lay before the Town on the adjournment the expence of the Town the year past and likewise at the annual meeting in March next do lay before the Town the expence of the Current year.

Committee to Settle with the Treasurer. Voted, Col^{o}. Edmund Billings, Dec^{n}. Moses French & Mr Joseph White jun^{r}. be a Committee to settle w^{h} Treasurer.

Adjournment. The meeting then adjourned to the first Monday in April next, twelve o'Clock at noon.

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer Town Cler.

April 7

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from March 17th.

Voted, to pass by the fourth article in the warrant.

after some considerable debate Respecting the Schools it was motioned and seconded that this meeting be adjourned to the day our annual meeting in May next shall be on, it was accordingly adjourned to the said Day & that this meeting be oppened at one o'clock on the same Day.

Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

[65] 1788 April 7th.

Anno Domini 1788.

The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled this seventh day of April pursuant to Legal Warrants for the purpose of giving in their Votes for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Counsellors, and Senators : gave them in as follows

Votes for Governor.

His Excellency John Hancock, Esqr.	144

for Lieut Governor.

Honble. Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	82
Honble. James Warren Esqr.	35
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	4

for Counsellors and Senators.

Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	61
Honble. William Phillips Esqr.	45
Honble. Richard Cranch, Esqr.	45
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	44
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.	44
Honble. Elijah Dunbar Esqr.	43

Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr.	23
Honble Benjamin Austin Junr Esqr.	20
Honble. James Warren, Esqr.	19
Doct^{r}. Jonathan Metcalf	16
Honble. William Heath Esqr.	13
Honble. Jabez Fisher Esqr.	2
Hon^{le}. Samuel Niles Esqr.	2
Honble. James Sullivan Esqr.	1

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

[66] 1788 May 8th.
Anno Dommini 1788.

The Anniversary Town meeting for the Choice of Representatives

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote in the Choice of Representatives pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, viz To elect one or more persons to Represent them in the Great and General Court, to be convened and held in the State House in Boston on the twenty eighth day of May.

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid and Voted to Choose One Representative only, the Votes being brought in carefully sorted and counted it appeared that Col^{o} Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r}. was chosen by a majority of forty four votes, the meeting was then dissolved.

May 8

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified to Vote in Town affairs being assembled pursuant to Legall Warrants the particulars are as follows (viz) after a Moderator chosen to see if the Town will join the other Country Town in this County in a petition to the General Court, Requesting that they be sett off into a Seprate County from the Town of Boston. Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n}. M. French, moderator.

Petition for a Seperate County. Voted, that this Town will join the Country Town in this County in a petition to the General Court Requesting that they may be made into a seperate County from the Town of Boston, and it was Voted, that the Representative be impowered to Petition the General Court In behalf of this Town.

Highway by Edward Faxon accepted upon Conditions. The Selectmen offered to the Town the Bounds of a Highway which they had laid out nigh to Edward Faxons land, which was accepted provided the Town shall not be at any expense for the land or Fencing the same which is Recorded on the next page.

[67] Townway by Edwd. Faxons. The Report of the Selectmen that Laid out a Town way nigh to Edward Faxons land is as follows (viz.) At the Request of a number of Persons Inhabitants of the South Precinct of the Town of Braintree a Road has been laid out as follows, (Viz.) beginning at the Town way that leads from Braintree to Bridgewater near to Mr. Edward Faxons House at the southwest corner of Col^{o}. Jonathan Bass's land one Rod & a

half in weidth on said Faxons land to the Southwest corner of said Bass' land Then Westerly on said Faxons land (South of a Walnut Tree) to the bars in the drift way (standing in the line) between the aforesaid Faxons land and Captn. Jonathan Thayers land, then on said Thayer's land a westerly course to the South east end of the bridge that crosses middle swamp (so called) to which place it was formerly lay'd out and is now Improved, also a Road Two Rods in weidth beginning oppisite the first mentioned station after crosing the Town way extending Southeast to the Dividing line between Mr. John Hunts & Snells pasture where it will Intersect with the line between the Countys of Suffolk and Plymouth.

Braintree May 1788 — Joseph White Junr. / Peter B. Adams } Selectmen.

A true coppy Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

May 8

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from April 7th.

Report of the Committee that settled with the Treasurer The Report of the Committee that was appointed to settle with the Former Treasurer and likewise to Transfer the Books and other papers from the former Treasurer and Clerks office to the present Treasurer and Clerk, was Read and Accepted and is Recorded in the Treasurer Book Fol^{o}. 388 & 389.

Votes for a County Treasurer. Votes, for a County Treasurer were given in sealed up and delivered to Mr Gaius Thayer one of the Constables of the town.

Treasurer to Issue execution agst. N. Holbrook. Voted that the Treasurer be directed to issue an Execution against Nathaniel Holbrook who was a Collector of Town Taxs in the year 1785 provided he do not compleat his collect^{r} and pay into the Treasury the Ballance that is now due from him in one month from this day.

Voted, £1000. Voted, to Raise the sum of One Thousand pounds, to pay Debts and defray charges of the Town the ensuing year and that the same be assessed on the Polls and Estates lying within the Town as soon as may be.

Selectmen & Assessors to agree with Collectors. Voted, that the Selectmen and assessors be impowered to farm-out the Collection of all Taxs that may be assessed the ensuing year, to the Lowest bidder or bidders he or they giving bonds to the Town to the satisfaction of the assessors.

Selectmen to Fence the Town land if they think proper. Voted, that the Selectmen view the Town's land where the house for the poor now stands and if they think it expedient to have the same Fenced this Season in the cheapest manner.

Allowance to Capt. Wild taking care of Poor. Voted, to allow Captn. Silas Wild six pounds for his trouble in providing necessarys for the Poor and looking after and taking cair of them the year past, & Up to this day. Voted the Selectmen be empowered

to agree with some suitable person to provide for and take cair of the poor the ensuing year.

The meeting was dissolved.

Attest, Ebene^{r}. Thayer Jun. Town Cler.

[69] 1788, June 27th.

Anno Domini 1788.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in town affairs being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen.

First, To Consider and Determine what measures the Town will adopt to discharge those executions that now are or may be against the Town.

Secondly, to Direct the Treasurer how to proceed with those who are Indebted for Rent or in any other account.

thirdly, to see if the Town will direct the Selectmen to make Restitution to any Individual or Individuals who may be personally called upon by any of the Town's Creditors.

Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n}. Moses French Moderator.

Treasurer to borrow money. Voted, the Treasurer be Impowered to borrow the money to Discharge the Execution In favor of Mr. Fletcher, which is now in the hands of Mr. H. Vose a corioner provided he can.

Treasurer to prosecute all those that are Indebt in one M°. & Issue Executions. Voted, that the Treasurer be directed to call on all persons who are Indebted to the Town, and any Collector of Town Taxs, who doth not compleat his collection and settle the same in one month from this day. The Treasurer is Directed to Issue his Execution against him, all other persons who are Indebted & dont discharge their debts in the same time, the Treasurer is Directed to proceed with them in a Due Corse of Law.

Selectmen make restitution Voted, that the Selectmen be Impowered to make full Restitution to any persons who may be Imprison'd or have any of his property taken from him to Discharge any of the Debts due from the said Town of Braintree

A motion was made and seconded to choose a Committee to Inform Mr. Fletcher of the provision the Town had made to discharge his Execution. accordingly, Eben^{r}. Thayer Jun. Peter B. Adams Esqr. and Capt Silas Wild was chose a Comm. for that purpose.

Then the meeting was dissolved.

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

[70] 1788 December 18th.

Anno Domini, 1788 & 1789.

Warrants. The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote for Representatives to the General Court of this Commonwealth, being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows.

First to give in their Votes for a Representative for this District in the Congress of the United States.

Secondly, To give in their votes for two persons Inhabitants of said District as Canditates for an elector of the President and Vice President of the United States.

Assembled as aforesaid the Selectmen Presided.

Votes for a Representative The Votes were brought in for a Representative and upon examining and Counting it appeared that Fisher Ames, Esqr. had 43 votes which was the whole number.

Votes for two Electors. Then the Votes were called for for two Candidates for a Elector upon Sorting and Counting it appeared, That,

Hon. Jabez Fisher Esqr. had	31
Hon. Thomas Dawes Esqr.	31
Hon. Richard Cranch Esqr.	2
E. T. Junr.	2

1789 March 2^{d}.

The anniversary Town meeting for the Choice of Town Officers &c March 2^{d}. 1789.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify^{d}. by Law to vote in Town affairs being legally assembled at the meeting house in the Middle Precinct of said Town for the Choice of Town Officers and for the transacting the other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as inserted in the Warrants are as follows.

After a Moderator chosen.

[71] First, To Choose all such Town Officers for the present year as the Law directs also to Receive in the Votes for a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To Raise such sum or sums of money for the use of said Town as they shall think proper when assembled.

Thirdly To direct in what manner the Highways shall be Repaired the Ensuing year.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will accept of the way (as a Town way) as the same is now fenced leading from Lieut Barnabas Clarks Mill to the Rev^{d}. Mr Tafts house.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will give any premium for Crows heads, that shall be kill'd in said Town the ensuing year.

Sixthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any Committee the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid Peter Boylston Adams Esqr. was chosen Moderator.

Town Clerk Town Treasurer Voted, to chuse the Town Clerk by Ballot, votes being brought in sorted and Counted, Ebenezer Thayer Junr. was chosen by a Majority of 30 votes. Then he was Nominated and Chose Town Treasurer.

Selectmen Voted, to Choose three selectmen the Ensuing year, then Captn John Hall, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman and Mr. Joseph White Jr was chosen.

six Assessors, to be chosen. Voted, to have six Assessors the

ensuing year besides the three Selectmen, who are to assist in the makg Taxes &c.

[72] Assessors, Voted to chuse the Assessors by nomination. Then voted to reconsider the last vote & to chuse them by ballot.

Then Dec^{n}. Jonathan Webb sec^{d}. Lieut. Seth Spear, Captn. Nehemiah Holbrook, Lieut. Ambros Salisbury Lieut Nathaniel Niles & Captn Elisha Wales was chosen.

Then Messrs Daniel Baxter, James Holbrook & Barnabas Clark, was chosen constables, a motion was made & seconded that this meeting be adjourned to Thursday the 12th. instant at 12, o clock at noon accordingly it was voted and adjourned to that Time.

Attest, E Thayer Cler.

March 12th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the second instant, the Clerk Read the Warden act.

A disorder for any Person to stand on the seats. Voted, that the Members draw into the seats and that it shall be considered as a disorder for any person to stand on them.

Dec^{n} Webb and Lieut. Spear excused from serving as assessors. The Moderator informed the meeting that Dec^{n}. Webb desired to be excused from serving as an assessor The Town Voted to secure Dec^{n}. Webb from serving. Then Lieut Spear Requested to be excused from Serving as an Assessor, the Town Voted to excuse him.

Assessors for the North precinct. The votes being brought in and sorted, Mr. Gaius Thayer & Lieut Elijah Veazie were declared to be chosen. Then M^{r}. Gaius Thayer desired to be excused, voted not to excuse him, he renewed his request, then Voted to Excuse him. Votes being brought in and sorted it was declared that Captn Thomson Baxter was chosen who Requested to be excused, but the Town would not excuse him.

Wardens. Voted, to choose six Wardens for the ensuing year. Mess. Seth Spear, Matthew Pratt, Solomon Thayer sec^{d}. Jesse Pratt, Frederick Reed, & Samuel Bass Esqr. was chosen Wardens.

[73] Fire Wardens. Mr. Joseph Hunt Seth Mann jun^{r}. & Atkins Clark.

Cullers of Staves Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson, and Nathaniel Niles.

Sealors of wood. Mes^{s}. Ebenezer Brackett, and Joseph Allen.

Surveyors of Lumber Mes^{r}. Gaius Thayer Joshua Sampson & Atkins Clark.

Highways — to be Repaired — Voted, to repair the Highways the ensuing year by a Tax and a single Poll be taxed three shillings and the Estates in proportion and there be allowed three shillings for one Days labour on the ways and other Labour in the usual proportion. Surveyors chosen.

Mes^{s}. James Clark, Jonathan Webb sec^{d}. Joseph Brackett, Thompson Baxter and Peter Boylston Adams, Esqr. for North

Mes^{s}. Samuel Curtis, Isaac Thayer, Solomon Thayer sec^{d}. Barnabas Thayer, Ezra Penniman, Caleb French, Edmund Soper, James Holbrook, Levi Wild & Zechariah M. Thayer for middle.

Mes^{s}. Cornelius White, Barnabas Clark, Rufus Thayer Eliphalet Sawen Joseph Porter jun^{r} Samuel Linfield and Benjamin Mann, were chosen for the South Prec^{t}.

Instructions to the Selectmen and Surveyors. Voted, the Selectmen make out the Districts and Deliver them to the Surveyors of Highways in the month of April and that the Surveyors make a Return to the Assessors in the month of October if there be any who neglect or Refuse to work out their Taxs on the highways and that they be assessed for the same as usual.

Fence Viewers. Mess. Edmund Billings, Samuel Bass, Nathaniel Wales jun^{r}. Atherton Thayer, Isaac Spear and Jonathan Wales was chosen Fence Viewers.

Tythingmen Mess. William Adams, Ziba Hayden & Nathaniel Niles.

Hogg reaves. Mess Joseph N. Arnold, James Hayward, Lemuel Clark, Paul Wild, Simeon Alden, Noah Cheesman, & John Tower

[74] Voted, that the Constables that have been chosen for this Year serve the Town in the same manner as the Constables did the last year, which is Recorded in page 62 They severally being Inform'd of this vote by the moderator, all accepted.

Sealers, of Leather Mess^{s}. Joseph Brackett, & Lemuel Allen, Timothy French.

Assizors of Bread. Mess. Jonathan Webb sec^{d}. Ambros Salisbury & Seth Turner jun

Votes for County Treasurer. Votes, for a County Treasurer being Brought in upon exam'g it appeared that Thomas Crafts Esqr. had the whole being 81.

Committee to view the Road by Lieut Clarks Mill. Mes^{s}. Silas Wild, Stephen Penniman & John Vinton was chose a Committee to view the Road by Lieut Clarks mill & Report.

Bridge by Dec^{n}. Webbs, to be widen Voted, That the Selectmen direct the Surveyors in the North Precinct to Repair and widen the Bridge by Dec^{n}. Webbs

Premium for Crows heads. Voted, a premium of one shilling ℔ head for all the old Crows and sixpence ℔ head for young ones that shall be killed within this Town for six months from this time the heads of the birds to be carried to the Selectmen they to take an acct. of them and then to distroy them and may oblige the person that brings the heads to swear that they were kill'd within the Town and within the Time allowed if they please.

Adjournment Voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first monday in April next at one o'clock afternoon.

April 6

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the twelfth of March last.

Fish Comm^{r}. Com. for Channell Voted, the same persons to

be a Committee to see that the Fish are not obstructed in their passing into the Ponds as was chosen the last Year. Recorded on page 64. Then nominated and Choose Mes^{s}. Joseph Allen, Dan. Person Hayward & Alexander White to take cair the Channell.

Committee to settle with Treas^{r}. Then Maj'^{r} Stephen Penniman, Peter B. Adams Esqr. and Samuel Bass Esqr. was Chosen a Committee to settle with the Treasurer

[75] Selectmen to give direc^{n} to Surveyors for Clearing and widen the roads. Voted, the Selectmen give particular directions to the Surveyors of high ways, that are on the Country Road from Stoughton line near the Rev^{d}. Mr Briggs meeting house to Penns hill to cause all incumbrances to be Removed out of said Road and where it may be thought necessary to remove any Fence for widening the Road or any other of the Country Roads or Town Ways, the Selectmen shall give particular directions for removing the same before any Surveyor shall presume to do it.

Treasurer to settle w^{h} J. Vinton. Voted, the Treasurer settle with Captn. Vinton for the Ball^{e}. he has ow'd the Town since he was Treasurer.

£1000, to be Assessed. Voted, that the sum of One Thousand pounds be used on the polls and estates lying within the Town to pay Debts and Defrey the Charges and Expences of the Town the ensuing year.

Overseer Poor. Voted, the Selectmen appoint an Overseer to the Poor house.

Surveyors of Highways Voted, to excuse Ezra Penniman from serving as Surveyor, and then made Choice of Mr Micah Wild in his Room.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer Reported which was Read and accepted as Recorded in the Treasurers Book, Fol^{o}. 399.

Town way Lieut. Bar. Clarks mill. The Committee appointed to view the way leading from Lieut. Clarks mill to the Country Road by Rev^{d}. Mr Tafts Report that they have viewed the same and are of the opinion that the s^{d} Road ought to be accepted by the Town as a Town way on the following conditions (viz) that the owners of the Gristmill shall be at the expence of making & keeping in repair y^{e}. s^{d} Road so far as the pond shall extend each way or flow at any time; That the Road be opened twenty feet wide as it was purchased by Dec^{n}. Peter Thayer, Lieut. Joshua Hayward & that the Labour on said Road shall not exceede twenty days work in a year to be done in the following manner, namely twelve days work from the Road lead^{g} by Rev^{d}. Mr. Tafts & eight days work from the Road leading by Lieut B Clarks

Jno. Vinton
Silas Wild } Committee
Stephen Penniman

The foregoing was Read & Accepted by the Town
attest Eben Thayer Junr. Town Clerk

Adjourn^{d} The meeting was then adjourned to the annual meeting in May one o'clock afternoon

[76] 1789 April 6.
Anno Domini 1789.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Counsellors and Senators being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrant for that purpose, gave in their Votes as follows (viz)

For Governor.

His Excellency John Hancock, Esqr.	105	
His Honor Benjamin Lincoln, Esqr.	8	
Honble. James Bowdoin, Esqr.	6	
Honble. Samuel Adams, Esqr.	1	
	——	120

For Lieutenant Governor.

His Honor Benjamin Lincoln Esqr.	66	
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	54	
Honble Thomas Dawes Esqr.	1	
	——	121

For Counsellors and Senators.

Honble. William Phillips Esqr.	37
Honble. Samuel Adams Esqr.	37
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esqr.	71
Honble. Stephen Metcalf Esqr.	27
Honble. Cotton Tufts Esqr.	33
Honble. Elijah Dunbar Esqr.	63
Honble. Benjamin Austin Jun. Esqr.	38
Honble. Richard Cranch Esqr.	14
Honble. Jabez Fisher, Esqr.	7
Honble. William Heath Esqr.	36
Ebenezer Wales, Esqr.	4
Charles Jarvis Esqr.	38
Ebenezer Thayer Junr.	36
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Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer Thayer Junr.
Town Cler. 37 make a choice.

[77] 1789, April 6th.
Braintree. Anno Domini 1789.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows.

After a Moderator chosen.

First, To see if the Town will give a premium for Black birds, that shall be kill'd in said Town for a limited time.

Secondly, To Determine whether the Town will refund the money to those who advanced it for the purpose of hiring men for Reinforcement for the Continenal Army during the last war. Assembled as aforesaid.

Moderator Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman was chosen Moderator.

premium of 3^{d} on Blackbirds. Voted, a premium of three pence ℘^{r} head for all old Black-birds that shall be kill'd in said Town

within three months, provided they be carried to the Selectmen by the time, and the Selectmen observe the same directions as they have from the Town respecting Crows heads.

2d artical dis. Voted, to pass over the second Artical and the meeting disolved.

May 14th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from the 6th. of April to compleat the choice of Town Officers.

Fish Commee. Jonathan Holbrook and Josiah French Refused to serve on the Committee appointed to see that the Fish are not obstructed in their running to and from the ponds. Then the Town made choice of Mes'. Stephen Penniman, Solomon Thayer secd. and Atherton Thayer to be joined by those was before chosen (as Recorded in page 64) to be a Committee to appoing days for the catching of the fish and to prevent their being taken on other days and to see that the passage ways are keept oppen.

Collectors. Voted, to Let out the Collecting of all the Taxes that may be assessed on the Inhabitants the ensuing year at the Lowest bidder the Collectors giving Bonds with Bondsmen to the acceptance of the assessors. Lieutenant Daniel Baxter bid of the North Precenct, taxs to Collect at one penny on the pound.

The Town then made choice of him as a Collector he to give bonds, to the acceptance of the assessors.

Mr. Gaius Thayer bid of the Middle Precinct tax to collect at three pence three farthings on the pound. The Town then made choice of him as a Collector, he to give bonds as above.

Mr. John French bid of the South Precinct Tax to collect at four pence three farthings on the pound. he was chosen a Collector upon his givg bonds.

Treasurer to call on Collectr. Voted, that the Treasurer pay Cap. Crane out of the first money he may Receive from the Collectors & he is directed to call on them for some immediately.

Adjournment Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in august 5 o Clock afternoon.

[78] 1789 May 14

Anno Domini 1789.

Anniversary Town Meeting for the choice of Representative.

Warrant The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representative being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows (viz) To elect one or more persons to Represent them in the General Court to be convened and held in the State House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty seventh day of May next or such other place as the General Court may order.

Representative Assembled as aforesaid and voted to send one Representative only.

The Votes being brought in and carefully sorted & counted,

General Ebenezer Thayer was chosen by a majority of thirty four votes out of one hundred and thirty two being the whole number.

The meeting was then disolved

Augst. 3.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, being assembled by adjournment from May 14.

G. Thayers bondsmen. Mr. Gaius Thayer presented Dea^{n}. Samuel Holbrook & Capt John Vinton as bondsmen for him as a Collector, the Town accepted of them as such.

Collectors to give bonds. Voted, that the Assessors call on Mess. Daniel Baxter & John French who agreed to collect the Taxes in the North and South precinct to give bonds agreeable to the Conditions they undertook to collect the Tax's upon.

Collectors of the last Tax to collect as soon as may be. Voted, the Collector of the last Town Tax collect it as soon as he can, and the Selectmen are to direct the Treasurer to make out an execution against him in case of neglect of Collecting the same speedly.

Adjournment Voted, to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the eighteenth instant 5, o clock afternoon.

Augst. 18th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from August 3^{d} currant

Made Choice of Maj^{r} Penniman for Moderator in the Room of Captn. Adams who was absent.

Adjourned. The meeting was then adjourned to this day four weeks 5 oclock P.M. after Mr. White & Maj^{r}. Penniman informed, that Mes^{s}. Baxter & French have procured their Bondsmen.

[79] 1789 Septr. 15.

Anno Domini 1789.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from 18th. August last, made choice of Decr. French for Moderator P. T.

Voted, to adjourn this meeting to monday the 19th. of October next it was accordingly adjourned, and did not assemble on the 19th. Oct^{r}.

Decem^{r} 21.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled at the Meeting House in the Middle precienct in said Town pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a Moderator Chosen.

First, to Determine upon the list of Jurors to serve on the Supreme Court and Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions of the Peace.

Secondly, To see what measures the Town will take concern-

ing an action brought by Mr. Ezra Penniman for money he advanced to hire a man to Reinforce the late army.

Thirdly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator Assembled as aforesaid and made choice of Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman for Moderator.

Jury list approv^{d} off The list of Jurors as prepaired by the Selectmen was laid before the Town and was approved of with some small alteration.

Committee on Ezra Pennimans Demand with their Power. Voted, to choose a Committee who shall be impowered to settle with Mr. Ezra Penniman or to dispute his demand as they shall think proper and if they settle with him that they hear the Request or Demands of any other person who have advanced money and Report to the Town at March meeting. Then Mes^{s}. Joseph White Junr. Stephen Penniman, John Hall, John Vinton & Ebenezer Thayer Jur. was chose a Committee for that purpose.

Meeting dissolved Then the Meeting was disolved

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer Jun. Town Cler.

[80] 1790 March 1st.

Braintree Anno Domini 1790.

The Warrant for the Anniversary March meet'g.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualify'd by Law to vote in Town affairs being legally assembled at the Meeting house in the Middle precinct of said Town for the Choice of Town Officers and for the transacting the other affairs of said Town the Particulars whereof as inserted in the warrant are as follows —

First To choose all such Town Officers for the Present year as the Law directs, also to Receive in the votes for a County Treasurer.

Secondly, To Raise such sum or sums of Money for the use of said Town as they may think proper when assembled.

Thirdly, To Direct in what manner the Highways shall be repaired the ensuing year.

Fourthly, To see if the Town will give any Premium for Crows heads that shall be kill'd in said Town the ensuing year.

Fifthly, To see if the Town will divide into School districts.

Sixthly, To hear the Report of any Committee or choose any the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman was chosen Moderator.

Town Clerk & Town Treasurer. Voted, to chuse the Town Clerk by Ballot. The Votes being Collected sorted and Counted, Genl. Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r} had 108 Votes only 4 scattering ones. Then he was nominated and Chosen Town Treasurer, he was sworn as Clerk and Treasurer also; by the Hon. Saml Niles Esqr.

Selectmen to lay their acct. before the Town. Voted, to have

three Selectmen the ensuing year and that they lay their acco^{ts}. before the Town previous to a new Choice, for an allowance.

[81] Selectmen Then Captn. John Hall, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman and Mr. Joseph White jun was chosen Selectmen.

Assessors. Voted, that the Selectmen be the assessors the ensuing year.

Constables Voted, to have three Constables in the Town the ensuing year, and that they serve the Town the same as the Constables did the last year &c as Recorded in page 62.

Then Mes^{s} Daniel Baxter, James Holbrook & Barnabas Clark was chosen Constables.

Fire Wardens. Mess^{s}. Joseph Hunt, Seth Mann jun^{r} & Atkins Clark.

Cullers of Staves. Mes^{s}. Gaius Thayer, Joshua Samson & Natha^{l}. Niles.

Sealers of Wood. Mess^{s}. Ebenezer Brackett and Asaph Faxon.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mess^{s}. Joshua Jamson, Daniel Loring and Atkins Clark.

Highways Surveyors of Highways Voted to Repair the Highways in the Town the ensuing year by a Tax the same as the last year as it stands Recorded in page 73 Surveyors chosen Capt. Joseph Baxter, Col^{o}. Edmund Billings, (he was afterwards excused) John Nightingal, Lieut. Seth Spear, Joseph Field and Alpheas Cary for the North. Peter Dyer, Nathaniel Wales jun. Josiah Vinton, Ebenezer Thayer J^{r} Esqr. Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Jesse Pratt, Daniel Hayward John Vinton Junr. Mes^{s}. Joseph White jun^{r}. Moses Whitcomb, Joseph Spear, Timothy Thayer Richard Thayer, Isaac Niles and Timothy Thayer sec^{d}. was chosen Surveyors of H.ways.

Instructions to the Selectmen. Voted the same Instructions to the Selectmen as is Recorded in page 73 Respecting highways last year.

Fence Viewers. Mess^{s}. Edmund Billings, James Clark, Nathaniel Wales, Atherton Thayer, Isaac Spear & Jonathan Wales

Tythingmen. Mes^{s}. Elijah Veazie jun. Gaius Thayer & Zeno French.

Hogg Reaves Mr. Joseph Bass sec^{d}. Joseph Brackett, Gaius Thayer, Capt. John Holbrook, Capt Barnabas Clark & Capt. Ichabod Holbrook.

[82] Assizors of Bread. Mes^{s}. Jonathan Webb, Ambros Salisbury, and Seth Turner jun^{r}.

Sealers of Leather. Mes^{s}. Joseph Brackett, Lemuel Allen, and Richard Thayer

Votes for a County Treasurer. The Votes for a County Treasurer being Collected upon examining of them it appeared that Thomas Crafts Esqr. had seventy nine being the whole number.

second article pass'd over. Voted, to pass over the second artical in the warrant untill the adjournment.

Premium on Crows heads. Voted one shilling ℔ head shall be given by the Town as a premium on all old Crows heads that shall be kill'd in said Town the ensuing year.

Committee to divide the Town into districts for Schooling and Report what sum is proper to be appropriated for Schools. Voted, To Chuse a Committee to Divide the Town into School districts and also to consider what sum wou'd be proper to be appropriated for Schooling the ensuing year; and how much to each district and report upon the adjournment.

Voted, the Committee consist of four in each precinct besides the Selectmen, it is expected they serve without any pay. Then Peter B. Adams Esqr. Lieut. Seth Spear, Col^{o} Edmund Billings, Mr. James Brackett, Captn. John Vinton Dec^{n}. Moses French, Genl. Ebenezer Thayer, Lieut Ambros. Salisbury, Lieut. Nathaniel Niles, Dec^{n}. William Linfield Capt Elisha Wales and Lieut. Seth Mann was chosen as the Committee.

M^{r}. Porter to be paid. Voted, the Treasurer pay Master Porter for keeping the Gramer School, out of the first money he may receive from the Collectors on the Tax granted 1789.

Capt. Wild to take Care of the Poor Voted, that the Overseer of the Poor house lay before the Selectmen for the time being a particular acct. of all Provisions dl'd the Poor to be make out in proper weekly Returns and Voted, to let out the care of the Poor to the lowest bidder. Reconsidered that vote and voted to give Capt. Silas Wild three pounds, twelve shills. for taking cair the Poor and house one year.

adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first monday in April at 12 oclock at noon.

[83] 1790 April 5th.

Braintree Anno Domini 1790.

Wardens. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town Affairs and for the Choice of Town Officers being assembled by adjournment from the first of March last, the Warden Act being Read, Voted, to chuse two Wardens in each Precinct for the ensuing year. Then Mes^{s}. Seth Spear, Joseph Bass sec^{d} Lemuel Veazie, Josiah Vinton, Samuel Allen and Jonathan Wales was chosen.

Mes^{s}. Spear, Veazie and Vinton was sworn afterwards Mr. Vinton was excused from serving^{by} the Town.

Smelt Commee. Mes^{s}. David P. Hayward, Joseph Allen & Ambros Salisbury com. to Prevent the Smelts being obstructed or disturb'd in the Channell.

Report of Committee that settle with the Treasurer. The Committee appointed the the 6th. day of April last to settle with the Treasurer Reported, which report was Read, Voted, and accepted as it stands Recorded in the Treasurers Book Fol^{os}. 406 and 407.

Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer. Voted, to Chuse a Committee to settle with the Treasurer at the end of the year one in each precinct. Then Peter B. Adams Esqr. Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman & Samuel Bass Esqr. was chosen.

For Collecting Town taxes in future. The Treasurer proposed to the Town a plan for the more speedy and sure way of Collecting

the Town Taxes in future which was accepted with sum addition as Recorded in Fol° 84.

£1000, to be assessed. Voted, that the sum of One Thousand pounds be assessed on the Polls and Estates lying within the Town to pay Debts and Defray charges and expenses of the Town the ensuing year.

Collectors to pay £70 each into the Treasurer by June 10th. Voted, that each Collector of the last Tax pay into the Treasury forty pounds in specie by the tenth day of May next and a further sum of Thirty pounds each by the tenth day of June next.

[84] School Com^e Reported. The Committee appointed to divide the Town into School districts Reported which was not accepted — it was then proposed to ascertain a Certain sum for Schooling and that it be divided in each precienct according to the sum they pay.

The Question was put and was Rejected.

Rules and Regulations proposed for the more speedy collecting Town Taxes. The plan proposed for the more speedy collecting Taxes.

There shall not be less than three Collectors chosen yearley the collecting of the Taxes shall be let out to the Lowest bidder previous to the choice of Collectors. the person who shall bid of the Tax shall be chosen the Collector on the following conditions, (viz) they shall give bonds with sufficient sureties to the acceptance of the assessors, and and shall previous to Receiving the bill If he has been a Collector of Taxes heretofore produce to the assessors a Receipt from the Town Treasurer of all former Town Taxes committed to him to collect the Tax bills shall be compleated by the Assessors and ready to be delivered to the Collectors in the month of October yearly, and in case any of the Collectors who shall be chosen as aforesaid shall not procure sufficient bondsmen or shall not produce a Receipt as aforesaid, Then the Assessors for the time being shall immediately after giving seven days public notice of the Time and place let out the Collecting of the Bill or Bills to the lowest bidder upon the same Conditions as before, and the annual meeting in March shall stand adjourned to the last monday in november yearley, for the purpose of chusing such collector or Collectors they complying with the conditions aforesaid; In order that the Town may know the exact state of the Treasury at the end of each year; The Treasurer shall or may issue his Execution against all Collectors who do not compleat a settlement with him by the first day of December next preceeding the year after the tax is granted or voted to be raised; all Town Taxes shall be collected in specie or in orders drawn by the Treasurer.

The Assessors, shall not give orders for drawbacks on Taxes unless it be within one year from the date of the Bill and they are directed to pay particular attention to the Resolve of the General Court requiring them to examine into the State of the Collectors Tax bill.

In future all Town taxes shall be assessed in a seperate bill from all other Taxes and the County Tax in another bill.

The aforegoing was voted and accepted by the Town as the Rules and Regulations for assessing and collecting the Town Taxes for the present year. Attest, Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

Adjourned. The meeting was then adjourned to the day the may meeting may be on, 12 o Clock noon.

[85] 1790 April 5th.

Anno Domini 1790.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut Governor, Councellors and Senators being assembled this fifth day of April pursuant to Legal warrants for that purpose gave in their votes as follows.

for Governor		
His Excellency John Hancock, Esqr.	112	
Honble. James Bowdoin Esqr.	5	117
for Lieut. Governor.		
His Honor Samuel Adams, Esqr.		86
for Counsellors and Senators.		
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq.	48	
Honble. William Heath Esqr.	44	
Honble. Benjamin Austin Jr Esqr.	42	
Hon^{bl}. Thomas Russell Esqr.	41	
Hon^{bl}. Stephen Metcalf, Esqr.	36	
Hon^{e}. Cotton Tufts, Esqr.	35	
John Read Esq.	37	
Hon^{e} William Phillips Esqr.	8	
Hon^{e} Richard Cranch Esqr.	3	
Hon Elijah Dunbar Esqr.	1	
James Bowdoin jun Esqr.	5	
Jonathan Mason Esqr.	3	
Lemuel Kollock, Esqr.	1	

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled pursuant to legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen.

First, To see what measures the Town will take with the Herren ware the present year.

Secondly, To see if the Town will order a Road laid out from the Country Road near Maj^{r}. Stephen Pennimans, by the Dwelling house of Wid. Pennimans and also, from Benjamin Savils to Joseph Neal Arnolds.

Thirdly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any the Town may think proper. Assembled and chose Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman Moderator.

Herren Committee. Voted, the Herren wares be conducted in the same manner as the last year.

Voted, to choose a Committee of six who shall have power to limit the time for catching the herrens and cause passage ways to be opened for them.

Then Mes^{s}. Joshua Samson, William Hobart, Solomon Thayer,

Step. Penniman, Eben^{r}. Thayer Junr. and John Hobart was chose for that Committee

Way by Maj^{r} Pennimans. Voted, That Maj Penniman, Capt Hall and Mr. Jo. White Jun. be a Committee to view the way before mentioned and report.

[86] 1790 May 10

Anno Domini 1790.

The Anniversary Town meeting for the choice of Town officers

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the fifth day of April last.

Surveyor of Highways made choice of Edward Faxon for a Surveyor of Highways

Wardens. Matthew Pratt was nominated and chosen a Warden in the Roome of Joseph Bass sec^{d}. excused.

Joshua Samson was nominated and chosen a Warden in the Roome of Josiah Vinton excused.

Town Clerk to put up Notifications Voted, That the Town Clerk post up a notification one in each precienct of the Time and place when this meeting shall be adjoure'd to and the intention of the Town to chuse assessors and Collectors.

Way by the Wid. Pennimans. Voted, to postpone the consideration of the Selectmen's Report on the way from Maj^{r}. Pennimans to Joseph N. Arnolds, until the adjournment of this meeting.

Voted, to Choose a Committee to consider of what schooling may be necessary the ensuing year.

Schooling. Adjournment Voted, that the said Committee serve in that office without any pay, and that there be five in each precienct and that they be nominated by the Inhabitants of each respective precienct. Then Peter B. Adams Esqr. Lieut. Seth Spear, Col^{o}. Edmund Billings, Lieut. Elijah Veazie and Dec^{n} Ebenezer Adams, was chose for the north precinct. Lieut Edmund Soper, Capt. John Vinton, Mr. Azariah Faxon, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman and Capt. Silas Wild for the Middle precinct. Lieut. Nathl. Niles, Mr. Joseph White jun^{r}. Samuel Bass, Esqr. Lieut. Seth Mann, and Capt Elisha Wales, was chose for the south pricienct. Then the meeting was adjourned to the last monday in May at 2 o clock afternoon.

[87] 179 May 10.

Anno Domini 1790.

The anniversary May Meeting.

Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote for a Representative being assembled this tenth day of May pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows.

To Elect one or more persons to Represent them in the General Court to be convened and held in the State House in Boston on Wednesday the twenty sixth day of May (currant)

Representative. Assembled as aforesaid & Voted to chuse a Representative the Votes being brought in sorted and counted the whole number was 81. Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r} Esqr. had 78 votes and he was declared by the moderator to be chosen.

May 10th.

Warrants. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs being assembled this tenth day of May 1790 pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars as are follows after a Moderator chosen.

First, To see if the Town will direct their Representative or any other person to join with the other Towns in the County to Petition the General Court that the Country Towns ins^{d} County may be incorporated into a separate County from the Town of Boston.

for a division of the town. Secondly, To see if the Town will concent or vote that the North Precinct in said town and the other lands included with in the following bounds be set of into a seperate Town (viz) from the head of Haywards crick so called on a straight line till it strikes the line that divides the North & Middle precincts on the Road leading from the north to the middle precencts meeting house, and then to run on said line until it comes into the blue hill River, and so on said River as the line now Runs between the North and South precincts.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid, Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman moderator.

Rep^{r} to petition for a division of the County. Voted, that the Representative for the present year join with the other Towns in a Petition to the General Court when they may think proper, praying that the Country Towns in this County may be formed into a Seperate county from the Town of Boston.

North Parish. After some considerable debate, Voted, to Dismiss the second article in the Warrant.

Then the meeting Dissolved.

[88] 1790 May 31

Anno Domini 1790 Braintree Records.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from May 10, for the Choice of Town Officers and to Transact other Town affairs agreeable to notification.

Field Drivers Voted, to chuse six field drivers two in each precienct. Then Mes^{s}. John Nightingall, Joseph Hunt, William Hobart Zachariah M. Thayer Seth Mann jun^{r} & John French was chosen.

Town officers rechosen. The following persons was chose into the several town offices hereafter named Mess. Ebenezer Brackett & Asaph Faxon as Sealers of Wood. Mess. Peter Bicknell & Timothy Thayer, Sec^{d}. as surveyors of highways. Mess. Levi Wild, Zeno French, and Elijah Veazie, jun^{r}. as Tythingmen. Mess. Joseph Bass sec^{d}. Joseph Brackett, Gideon French John Holbrook, Barnabas Clark and Ichabod Holbrook as Hogg Reaves.

Mr. Jonathan Marsh Sealer of Leather. Mess. Matthew Pratt and Samuel Allen as Wardens. then Warrants made out directing the Constables to cite them to take their oaths.

Assessors. Voted, to chuse two assessors in each precienct in addition to the Selectmen. Then Lieut Elijah Veazie, Lieut Seth Spear, Capt Nehemiah Holbrook Maj^r Samuel M. Thayer, Capt. Elisha Wales and Lieut Nathaniel Niles was chose.

Directions to the Collectors and Treasurer. Voted, that each Collector of the last Tax pay into the Treasury the sum of Forty pounds in fifteen days from this including the sum they have already paid in specie. If either of them shall neglect to pay the aforesaid sum of Forty pounds in specie by the Time aforesaid then the Treasurer shall Issue his execution against him for the whole sum that may be due.

Voted, that the Town will pay the Constables in future for warning persons out of Town and for carring those out which they have a sufficient warrant for.

[89] Townway by Joseph N. Arnolds. Report of the Committee appointed to lay out the Road from Maj^r. Stephen Pennimans by the Wid^w. Penniman and on to Joseph N. Arnolds, begun at the later end.

Begun at the Country Road a little to the East of Mr. Joseph N. Arnolds dwelling House opposite to a Pear Tree on the south side of said Road, running to said Tree. then to a Rock south of said Arnolds orchards, then southerly to a stake in William Fields land, thence Southerly on said Fields land by blazed red Ceaders and a Rock with stones upon it, until it intersects with the old way. The Road to be one Rod and a half in width west of said course.

The Town voted to accept the above Report upon Conditions that it dont cost more than fifteen pounds to purchase the land fence the way and make it passable when all that is done then the Selectmen may draw on the Treasurer for that sum and not before.

Braintree, May 31, 1790.

Attest, Eben^r. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

The School Committee Reported virbely the the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds be appropreated for Schooling the ensuing year, and that there be a Gramer School keept nine months, three in each precienct beginning in the North and so on to the Middle and South, which will include all the time to next march, such a Master to be agreed with as will be willing to Teach english as well as Latten, and also to teach wrighting and Cypering. The Remainder of the money to be divided in each precient according to what they pay for Polls & Estates, and each precienct to lay out their own money as this Committee shall direct or any other Committee the Precienct or Preciencts may chuse for that purpose. accepted May 31, 1790.

E. Thayer Junr. Town Cler.

Voted, to impower the present committee to lay out the Remain-

der, of the money in each precienct in such a manner as they shall judge will be for the interest of the precienct, and that the Selectmen be directed to agree with a Gramer school master such as is above discribed immediately. Then Voted to adjourn this meeting to the second monday in August next at 3 oClock, 3 oClock afternoon.

[90] June 28, 1790

Anno Domini 1790, Braintree Records.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled this twenty eighth day of June 1790, pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars as as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

Warrants. First, to see if the Town will direct that the Treasurer give security in behalf of the Town to the Executors of the Estate of Josiah Quincy Esq. dec^{d}. for a Debt due to said Estate, or to shift any other security that the Selectmen for the Time being may order, at the request of the Holders.

Secondly To direct Respecting some debts that are now call'd for; and give directions to their Treasurer concerning the Rents that are now becom due to the Town.

Thirdly, to hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any Committee

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid made Choice of Col^{o}. Edmund Billings Moderator.

Commee to settle w^{h}. those who sign^{d} a note to Col^{o}. Quincy.

Voted, to chuse a Committee of five to settle with those persons who signed a Note to Josiah Quincy Esqr. and see what is due to s^{d} Estate and Report to the Town at the meeting in august next.

Treasurer to shift security. Then Peter Boylston Adams Esqr. Dec^{n}. Moses French, Capt Ichabod Holbrook, Capt. John Vinton and Mr. Joseph White jun^{r} was chosen.

Voted, that the Selectmen direct the Treasurer to shift any security they may think proper.

Selectmen to defend. Voted, that the Selectmen be impowered to appear themselves or to authorize an attorney to appear in behalf of the Town to defend any action that has or may be brought against the Town.

Rent to be collected. Voted, that the Treasurer after giveing ten days notice prosecute all persons who shall be Indebted to the Town for Rent.

Deficient Collectors to settle. Voted, that the Treasurer call upon all the Collectors who are in arrears previous to the year 1789, To settle up their Collection be the second monday in August next.

Col: to pay £30 — each. Voted, that each Collector of the last Town Tax pay £30 — into the Treasury within thirty days.

The meeting was then dissolved.

[91] 1790 August 9th.

Anno Domini 1790. Braintree Records.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled this ninth day of August by adjournment from May 31, a Letter that was directed to the Selectmen from a number of Town in the Westerly part of the County proposing a meeting of the County Towns in the County at Gays in Dedham on 20th. September next being read.

Members to meet at Dedham. Voted, to send three persons to Represent this Town at said meeting provided they will serve without any charge to the Town.

Then Capt. Silas Wild, Mr. Joseph White Junr. and Lieut Seth Spear was nominated and chosen

Collectors. Voted, to let out the Collecting of the Taxes for the ensuing year Lieut. Elijah Veazie bid off the North parish Bills at five pence on the pound. The Town then made choice of him as a Collector upon the conditions Recorded in page 84. Mr James Holbrook bid of the Middle parish Bills at six pence on the pound. he was then chosen a Collector upon the same conditions as Veazie was.

Mr John French bid off the South parish Bills at six pence on the pound, he was chosen a Collector upon the same Conditions as the others.

This meeting was then adjourned to the last monday in November next at three oClock afternoon.

October 4.

Representative to Congress. The Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in the choice of a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows. To give in their Votes for a Representative to the Congress of the United States from this District, assembled as aforesaid.

The Selectmen Presided.

The votes being brought in counted and sorted,

Fisher Ames Esqr. had 45 votes

Thomas Dawes Junr. Esqr. 10 Votes. A List of the Votes being sealed up and directed, the meeting disolved.

[92] 1790 Novr. 29

Anno Domini 1790.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled this 29th. of November by adjournment.

Capt. Vinton, to meet in County Commee. Voted, that Captn John Vinton be authorized by this Town to appear in their behalf as a Committee at a meeting or meetings that is or may be proposed by any of the Towns in this County to consult on suitable measures for the division of the same, and also to Petition the General Court for that purpose providing that shall be the Result of the Committees.

Nath[l] Glover to have a drawback. Voted, that the assessors be impowered to give a draw back to Nathaniel Glover provided in their oppinion he has been over Tax'd, and to such others as may appear to have been over Tax'd.

The meeting was then Dissolved.

1791 Febr[y]. 7th.

Warrants in the North Preciencts Petition for a seperation. Moderator. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being assembled this seventh day of Feb[ry]. 1791 — pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows. After a Moderator chosen, To chuse agents to appear in behalf of this Town before the General Court on Wednesday the 16th. day of Feb[ry]. inst. agreeable to Notification from the North Precienct in said Town to shew cause why the prayer of said preciencts petition for a seperation should not be granted & to give instructions to said agents, assembled as aforesaid & after a Long dispute fineally, Voted, to chuse the Moderator by Ballot, and Maj[r] Stephen Penniman was chosen by 93 votes out of 152 — the petition and order of Court being read, then Voted to chuse by Ballot six persons as agents to appear in behalf of the Town before the General Court, the votes being collected and examined, Maj[r] Stephen Penniman Cap[t]. John Vinton M[r] Azariah Faxon, Lieut Nathaniel Niles M[r]. Joseph White jun[r]. & Cap[n]. Ich[bd]. Holbrook was chose.

agents. Instructions to them Instructions to the Representative. Then Voted, that the agents now chosen be authorized to appear in behalf of this Town before the General Court and prevent if it is in their power the prayer of the petition aforesaid being granted & that they engage at the cost of the Town such Council to assist as they may judge proper. Voted, that the Representative from this Town use his influence in the House of Representatives to prevent a Seperation of said precienct taking place, and that he be desired to assist the agents in any part of their business if they should request it.

The meeting was then disolved.

[93] March 7th.

Anno Domini, 1791.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being legally assembled at the meeting house in the Middle precienct of said Town, for the choice of Town Officers and for the transacting the other affairs of said Town the particulars whereof are as follows. After a Moderator chosen.

Warrants. First, to chuse all such Town officers for the present year as the Law directs; also to Receive in the votes for a County Treasurer and the Votes for a Register of Deeds.

Secondly, To Raise such sum or sums of money for the use of said Town as they may think proper when assembled.

Thirdly, To direct in what manner the Highways shall be repaired the ensuing year, and likewise a number of Bridges.

Fourthly, To determine what shall be done with the old Continental money now in the Treasurers Office.

Fifthly, To see what the Town will do with the land where Enoch Hayden now lives.

Sixthly, To see what allowance the Town will make Lieut. Seth Mann for his land now Improved as a way or County Road.

Seventhly, To see if the Town will allow of a Dam, being erected a crost the Ironwork River so called where the Dam formerly was.

Eighthly, To see if the Town will open a Way through Lieut Wm. Harmon's land to the six hundred acres so called

Ninthly, To see what sum of money shall be appropreated for Schooling the ensuing year.

Tenthly, To see if it be the minds of the Town that all Town Officers that may be chosen this year serve without any pay, from the Town.

Eleventhly, To hear the Report of any Committee or Chuse any the Town may think proper when assembled.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid. Voted, to chuse the Moderator by written Votes, they being Collected and counted Doctr. Ephraim Wales was chosen Moderator. The tenth artical being taken up after a considerable debate whether the Officers should serve without pay, the poll being call for the House divided 98 agst. paying & 99 for paying so it was Voted that the Town officers should be paid.

[94] Then the Votes was Collected for a Clerk and Ebenezer Thayer junr. was Chosen Clerk.

Clerk & Treasurer & sworn The Votes being Collected for a Treasurer Ebenezer Thayer Jurr. Esqr. was chosen Treasurer and afterwards on the same day was sworn as Clerk and Treasurer, by Hon. Richard Cranch Esqr.

Selectmen Voted to choose three Selectmen the ensuing year. Then Captn. John Hall, Mr. Caleb Hayward and Mr. Joseph White junr was chosen Selectmen.

No assessors. The Question was put to see if the Town would chuse assessors it passed in the negative.

Voted, to take up and now act on the seventh artical in the warrant which is to see if the Town will give Liberty for a Dam to be erected acrost the Ironwork River.

Committee on the 7th. artical for a Dam to be erected. Voted, to chuse a Committee of three one in each precienct to consider of the expediency of suffering a Dam to be erected and Report on the adjournment. Then Samuel Bass Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Esqr. & Lieut. Seth Spear was chose a Committee for that purpose.

County Register. The Votes for a County Register was brought in sorted & counted.

Joshua Hinshaw Esqr. had	116 votes.
Samuel Barrett Esqr. had	40 votes.
Mr Elkanah Hawkes had	4 votes.
Mr. Samuel Ruggles, had	3 votes.
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County Treasurer. The Votes for a County Treasurer being Collected, Thomas Crafts Esq. had 63 being the whole.

Constables. Voted, to chuse three Constables in the Town for the ensuing year. Then Lieut. Elijah Veazie, Mr. James Holbrook & Mr. John French was chosen.

Adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to to morrow week, twelve oClock at noon, it was accordingly adjourned.

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer, Junr. *Town Cler.*

[95] March 15 1791.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 7th. of March instant.

Wardens. The Warden act being first Read by the Town Clerk then,

Voted, to chuse six Wardens for the ensuing year.

Then Mes^{s}. William Veazie & Jonathan Bass, Captn. Silas Wild, Col^{o} William Allen, Captn. Elisha Wales, & Captn. Bar^{s}. Clarke chose.

Assessors. Voted, that the Selectmen who are now chosen be the sole Assessors for the ensuing year.

Fire Wardens. Mess. Joseph Hunt, Zech^{h}. M. Thayer & Caleb Mann jun^{r}.

Cullers of Staves. Mess. Increas Bates, Gaius Thayer & Barnabas Clark.

Sealors of Wood. Mess. Ebenezer Brackett and Joseph Allen.

Surveyors of Lumber. Mess. Atkins Clark, Daniel Loring & Thomas Pratt.

Packers of Beef. Mess. Charles Baxter, Increas Bates & Elisha Wales.

Cullers of Fish. Mess. Charles Baxter, Increas Bates, & Elisha Wales.

Highways. Voted, to Repair the Highways in the Town the same as has been usual. Recorded in page 63^{d} 73^{d} & 81th. Then Mess. Edward Willard Baxter, Samuel Bass, Joseph N. Arnold, John Bass, James Brackett, Seth Spear, and Joseph Field was chosen for the North & Mess. Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r} Nathl. Thayer sec^{d}., Eben^{r}. Newcomb, Josiah French, Thomas Hollis jun^{r}. Jacob Allen, Nehemiah Holbrook, Silas Wild, Atherton Thayer & John Hollis jun^{r} Middle, & Mess. Joseph Spear Ichabod Holbrook, Joshua French, Zenas French Zecheas Thayer Isaac Spear, Simeon Thayer jun^{r}. Thomas French, and Joseph Tower, was chosen Surveyors

Fence Viewers. Mess. Alpheus Cary, Lemuel Badcock, Atherton Thayer Nathaniel Wales, Nathaniel Niles and Paul Thayer.

Tythingmen. Captn. Joseph Brackett, Mess. William Harmond, Eliphaz Thayer, Silas Payne and Col^{o} Seth Turner.

Swine Voted, That swine may go at Large in the Town this year.

Hogg Reaves. Captn Joseph Baxter, Captn. Elisha Glover,

Maj^{r} Stephen Penniman, Captn. Isaac Thayer, Capt Barnabas Clark, & Doct^{r}. Ephraim Wales was chosen Hogg Reaves.

Field Drivers. Dec^{n}. Ebenezer Adams, Lieut Seth Spear, Capt Silas Wild Capt. Thomas Hollis jun^{r}. Capt Ichabod Holbrook & Capt Barnabas Clark, was chosen Field Drivers.

[96] Alewives Committee. Maj^{r} Step Penniman Mess. James Holbrook, Solomon Thayer, Peter Dyer, Col^{o} William Allen, Mess. John Hobart and Lemuel Allen a Committee to see that there is proper sluce ways through the mill Dams for the alewives to pass and to appoint days for taking of them.

Assizors of Bread. Mess. Jonathan Webb, Benjn. Hayden jun & Seth Turner, Jr.

Smelt Com. Mess. William Arnold, Edmund Soper & Capt Joseph Allen a Committee to see that the smelts are not obstructed in the Channell.

Sealers of Leather. Mess. Jonathan Marsh, Jacob Allen & Richard Thayer

Overseer of the Poor house. Voted, to chuse the Overseer of the poor house by Ballot Then Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman was chosen by a Maj. vote

Selectmen to give directions Voted, that the Selectmen give directions to the Overseer from time to time when necessary.

Report of the Com. concer^{g} the Dam. Com. to draw Wrighting The Committee appointed to consider of the expediency of suffering a Dam to be built across the Ironwork River, Report as their opinion That a Dam may be errected a Crost said River for the purpose of setting up a Forge and other Buildings (Excepting a Grist Mill) without injuring the Town provided proper sluice ways be keept open for the Fish the Town accepted the Report and chose Peter Boylston Adams Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r}. Esqr. & Samuel Bass Esqr. a Committee to draught writeings of agreement to be entered into between the persons who shall erect the dam aforesaid & the Town and Report.

Old money. Voted, that the Treasurer be desired to see how the old Continental money can be disposed of and report.

land where Enoch Hayden lives. Voted, That the Selectmen be directed to take possession of the land where Enoch Hayden now lives and conduct the same in the best manner they can for the Towns interest.

The way from S^{o}. Parish meet^{g} House to Milton Line. Voted, that the Selectmen be directed to view the Road from the South Parish meeting House by Lieut. Seth Manns to Milton line and Report to the Town their opinion what advantage or disadvantage it is to those person who formerly own'd the land now improved for said way

[97] Money for Schooling. Voted, that there shall be the sum of One hundred and Fifty pounds appropreated for Schooling the ensuing year.

Com^{e} to divide the money. Voted, to chuse a Committee of Fifteen to proportion and divide the money voted for Schooling between the three preciencts.

Then Lieut. Seth Spear, Peter B. Adams, Esqr. Col^{o} Edmund Billings Lieut Elijah Veazie, Dec^{n}. Eben^{r}. Adams, Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman Lieut Ambros Salisbury, Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r} Esqr. Lieut. Nathaniel Thayer, Capt. Silas Wild M^{r}. Joseph White jun^{r} Lieut. Seth Mann, Samuel Bass Esqr. Lieut. Nathaniel Niles, Capt. Elisha Wales were chosen a Committee for that purpose.

articals dismiss'd The Town dismist the artical Respecting the way thro. Lieut. Harmonds land to the six hundred acres so call^{d}. and the clause Respecting Bridges.

adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the first mday in April next at twelve o'clock at noon. Attest, Eb^{r}. Thayer jr.
Town Cler.

1791 April 4th.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled by adjournment from the 15th. of March last, to transact the Business of the Town.

on Lieut. Mann way by his House. The Selectmen Reported as their opinion that it was advantagus to those persons who own'd the land on each side the Road leading from the South parish meeting House to Milton to have said Road. The Town then Voted that they would not allow Lieut. Seth Mann any thing for his land improved for said way nor neither would they purchas a drift way for him thro' his neighbors land to the northerly part his land.

Report of the Committee on Receipts for Money advanc^{d}. for soldiers. The Committee appointed by the Town Decr. 21st. 1789, on the Subject of Receipts for money advanced to hire men for a Reinforcement for the army and for Guards Reported the Copy of a Number of Receipts signed by Col^{o}. Jonathan Bass, Capt. Edmund Billings, & Capt. Daniel Arnold, for money Received from sundry persons, for the purpose aforesaid as therein is expressed in said Receipts.

New Committee on the same subject. The Town where upon Voted, to chuse a Committee to consider of what sum shall be allowed to those persons who advanced money for a Reinforcement and for Guards agreeable to a Former vote and Report to the Town. Then Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Esqr. Col^{o}. Edmund Billings and Samuel Bass Esqr. was chosen for said Committee.

[98] Liberty to erect a Dam a Crost the Ironwork River upon Conditions

Committee on Dam report as follows.

The Committee appointed by the Town of Braintree to draught writeings of agreement to be entered into between the said Town on the one part and a number of persons who are desirous of building a Dam a crost the Ironwork River so called on the other part: are of opinion that the following being voted by the Town will be sufficient for the purpose intended, the same being consented to and signed by the person to whom the Grant shall be made (viz) Voted, that this Town do Relinquish to Mess Caleb Hunt, Eli Hayden Josiah Vinton, Benjamin Hayden ju^{r} Sam. Mil-

ler Thayer, Jonathan Bowditch & Atherton Thayer, their Heirs and Assigns, forever all the Right the Town has to the priviledge to that part of the Ironwork River aforesaid where a Dam formerly stood which priviledge the Town purchased of M^r^. Thomas Vinton dec^d^. upon the following conditions, that the said Caleb Hunt & his associates above named do errect a Dam a Crost the said River at or nigh the place where the said Thomas Vintons Dam formerly was and that they set up a Forge or some other water works on the same within the Term of Two Years from this time: Excepting only such mill or works as is herein expressly prohibited and that they be at the whole expense of said Dam and works and pay all the Damage it may be to the land of any person or persons owning on said River which may be flowed or otherwise enjured In consequence of said Dam and that they and their Heirs and assigns shall open and cause to be keept open proper and sufficient Sluce or Passage way for the Fish to pass thro. said Dam (from the last day of April to the first day of June) yearly and every year forever after so that the fish shall not in any manner be the least hindered or impeded in their Running or passing to the Ponds (in the whole of the month of May) In consequence of said Dam or any obstruction occasioned thereby:

The Selectmen of the Town for the time being shall be the sole judges of what shall [99] be proper and sufficient Sluce or passage ways, and the said Caleb Hunt, Eli Hayden, Josiah Vinton, Benjamin Hayden jr. Samuel M. Thayer, Jonathan Bowditch and Atherton Thayer their Heirs or Assigns shall not errect or suffer to be errected at the place aforesaid any mill for the purpose of grinding grain of any kind. and they further engage for themselves and their Heirs and assigns to Comply with all the aforegoing conditions, and if at any Time they shall neglect or not fully and compleatly comply with every condition aforesaid then the aforegoing Grant shall be null and void and every priviledge that the Town now has in the River or stream aforesaid, or that may be annexed thereto in consequence of the afore going vote at the time of failure or neglect, shall revert back and be the property of said Town of Braintree until they shall see fitt at a legal town meeting called for that purpose grant or dispose of the same to the said Caleb Hunt and his associates before named or their Heirs or assigns or some other person to whom the Town may see fit when assembled.

Braintree April 4th. 1791.

Eben^r^. Thayer jun^r^. one of the Committee.

Consented to and signed by Caleb Hunt, Eli Hayden, Josiah Vinton Benja. Hayden jun^r^. Sam. M. Thayer, Jonathan Bowditch Atherton Thayer.

Dam a Crost the Ironwork River. The Town voted to accept of the aforegoing Report with this alteration and addition. That the time for the sluces to be opened and Kept open be struck out and that the Selectmen be the judges of what time the Sluces

Those words with a Red line under them are dealed by a vote of the Town and a parigraft at the close inserted in their stede. E. Thayer jun Town Cler.

shall be opened and upon their giving information to the proprietors of said Dam or any one of them he or they shall cause said Sluce to be immediately open'd and keept open for the space of thirty days.

In Town meeting this fourth day of April Anno Domini 1791 Voted and accepted. Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r}. Town Cler.

[100] Comm. Report sett^{d} w^{h} Treas^{r}. The Committee that was appointed to settle with the Treasurer as Recorded in page 83^{d} Report which Report was Read and accepted as Recorded in the Treasurers Book Folo 416 & 417

Com^{e} to settle w^{h} Treasurer. Voted, To chuse a Committee to settle with the Treasurer at the end of the year. Then Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman, Peter B. Adams Esqr. and Samuel Bass Esqr. was chosen.

Capt. Vinton. information concerning of Gaius Thayer. Captn. John Vinton who is one of Mr Gaius Thayers Bondsmen as a Collector, comes forward and informs the Town that said Gaius Thayer who has been a Collector of Public Taxes for several years past is likely to fall short of the sums due to the several Treasurers and he is now in the hands of an officer on two Executions thus issued, from the town Treasurer, *and he requests that the Town would direct the Assessors to demand of said Gaius his several Bills according to a* Law pass, Feb^{ry}. 15th. 1786, which Law being Read from the 14th Sec^{n} to the end.

Those lines with a stroke under them I am not certain was the request of Capt Vinton. E. Thayer Cler.

direction to the assessors. The Town Voted that the assessors be directed to consult any Gentleman learned in the Law Respecting the aforesaid difficulty with the Collector and to do what the law will justify them in doing without injuring the Town in any Respect whatever.

The meeting was adjourned for half an houer.

They assembled again after they had carried in their votes for Governor &c and then adjourned to the day the annual meeting in May next shall be on, at one oclock afternoon.

[101] The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Governor, Lieut. Governor, Councellor, & Senators being assembled this Fourth day of April 1791 pursuant to Legal Warrants for that purpose gave in their votes as follows, (viz.)

For Governor.

His Excellency John Hancock, Esqr.	101

For Lieut. Governor.

His Honor Samuel Adams, Esqr.	46

For Counsellors and Senators.

Honble. Thomas Dawes, Esqr.	49
Honble Thomas Russell Esqr.	41
Honble Benjamin Austin jun^{r} Esqr.	39
Honble. William Heath Esqr.	50
John Read Esqr.	40
Lemuel Kollock, Esqr.	30

Honble Cotton Tufts, Esqr.	19	
Honble. William Phillips Esqr.	17	
Honble. Ebenezer Thayer Esqr.	9	
James Bowdoin Esqr.	1	
25 makes a choice.		295

April 4.

Warrant. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to Vote in Town affairs being assembled pursuant to Legal warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator chosen first.

To see if the Town will give a Premium for Crowhead that shall be kill'd in said Town the ensuing year.

Moderator. Assembled as aforesaid and Captn James Clark was chosen Moderator.

Voted, to dismiss the article concerning Crows heads. the meeting was then disolved.

[102] 1791 May 11

Braintree, Anno Domini 1791.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 4th. day of April last.

Continental Money — Voted, That the Town will sell the Continental money that is now in the Treasury and the Treasurer be directed to sell it for the most it will fetch.

£1000, Raised. Voted, to raise the sum of One thousand pounds for defreying the charges of the Town the ensuing year and for paying the Debts of said Town and that the same be assessed on the Polls and Estates.

For Collecting of Town Taxes. Voted, to adopt the same Rules and Regulations with regard to the Collection of Taxes &c. as was adopted the last year which stands Recorded in Fol^{o}. 84.

Collectors on Conditions Seth Thayer bid of the North Parish bill a /6^{d} on £

John Stetson bid of the Middle Parish bill a /6^{d} on £

John French bid of the South Parish bill a /6^{d} on £.

they were then severally chosen Collectors upon the conditions mentioned in the aforegoing vote Rec^{d}. Fol^{o}. 84.

Voted, to dismiss all Committees that have been chosen on the account of money borrowed of Col. Quincy.

Committee to settle with Col^{o}. Quincy's Heirs. Voted, That the Selectmen be a Committee to enquire into the expenditure of the money borrowed of Col^{o}. Jos^{h} Quincy in year 1775, and settle with those who have demands.

Collectors to pay £60 each. Voted, That the Collectors be directed to pay into the Treasury the sum of sixty pounds each in specie within six weeks, in case of failure the Treasurer is directed to make out Executions for all the delinquent may be in arrears.

Treasurer to call for Rent. Voted, that the Treasurer call upon

all persons who are Indebted for Rent in case they dont pay immediately, to prosecute them.

Constables Voted, that is the minds of the Town that the Constables serve the Town as usual

Adjournment. Voted, to adjourn this meeting to the second monday in July next at 3, oClock.

[103] 1791 May 11.

Braintree, Anno Domini 1791

Register of Deeds. The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to vote for Representatives being assembled the eleventh day of May pursuant to Legal Warrants for the choice of a Representative and to give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds for the County of Suffolk.

Assembled as aforesaid and made choice of Doct^r. Ephraim Wales as Moderator to collect and count the Votes for a Register of Deeds the votes being Collected counted and sorted were as follows.

For	Mr. Samuel Ruggles,	8
	Samuel Bass, Esqr.	4
	Mr. Henry Alline	8
	Samuel Barrett Esqr.	27
	Joshua Hinshaw, Esqr.	179
		226

May 11th.

Representative. The Selectmen opened the meeting for the choice of Representatives and the Town voted to chuse only one, the votes being Collected Samuel Bass Esqr. was chosen, he had 142 votes out of 271 —

June 15th.

Warrant. First The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs being assembled this 15th. day of June pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, first after a moderator chosen to see if the Town will give their assessors or Treasurer any Further directions respecting Gaius Thayer or chuse any committee they may think proper for that purpose.

Secondly — To give any further Instructions they may think proper to their committee which was appointed to make enquirey about the money borrowed of Col^o Josiah Quincy in the year 1775.

Thirdly, To chuse any Committee or act on any matter they may think proper, when assembled.

Assembled and made choice of Maj^r. Penniman moderator.

Voted, to pass by the first article and take up the second.

Voted, that the present Selectmen be directed to make enquiry of what became of the money Received of the Collectors for 1774 Tax & make a final setelment with those that Received it

The meeting was then disolved.

[104] 1791 July 11th.
Braintree Anno Domini 1791.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from the 11th. day of May last the Moderator not being present Captn. John Vinton was chosen Moderator.
The meeting was adjourned to the first day of August next at 5 o clock afternoon.

Aug. 1.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants being assembled pursuant to the above adjournment, did then adjourn to the last monday in November next at two o clock afternoon.

Augst. 1.
Warrants The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by Law to Vote for Representative being assembled pursuant to legal warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator chosen.
First To give in their votes for a Register of Deeds for the County.
Secondly To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any the Town may think proper when assembled.
Assembled as aforesaid and made choice of Mr Azariah Faxon Moderator.
The Votes for Register of Deeds being brought in sorted and counted there was for, Joshua Hinshaw Esqr. 15 Votes.
for Mr. Henry Alline 15 Votes.
Commee on Colo. Quincy's money. The Committee appointed to enquire of what became of the money Borrow'd of Colo. Josiah Quincy in the year 1775, also of what became of the Tax for 1774, Reported which Report was not accepted the Town added two more to the Committee (viz) Decn. French & Maj Penniman and directed them to Report.
The meeting was then disolved.

[105] 1791 Aug 22
Braintree Anno Domini 1791.
The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote for Representative being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants the particulars are as follows.
First after a moderator chosen to give in their Votes, for a discreet Suitable Person haveing a Freehold within said County of Suffolk of the annual income of Ten pounds at the least, to be Register of Deeds for said County.
Secondly, To hear the Report of any Committee or chuse any the Town may think proper when assembled.
Assembled as aforesaid and made choice of Peter B. Adams Esqr. Moderator.
Register of Deeds. The Votes for Register of Deeds being brought in sorted & counted there was for
Joshua Hinshaw Esqr. 11 Votes and for
Mr. Henry Alline 47 Votes.

Report of the Committee on Money borrow'd of Col°. Quincy. The Committee appointed to enquire of what became of the money borrow'd of Col°. Josiah Quincy in 1775, and what became of the Tax for 1774, Report as follows.

"That after enquiring into the affair of the money borrowed as-
"aforesaid from the best information we can git we find that the
"Town has had the benefit of all the money borrowed as afore-
"said which was one hundred and Fifty pounds, Excepting thirty
"pounds in the hands of the Heirs of Col°. Jonathan Bass, and nine
"pounds in the hands of the heirs of Dec^n. James Penniman and
"also Ten pounds in the hands of the Heirs of Maj^r. Edmund Soper,
"which has not as yet been accounted for. Moses French, John Hall Stephen Penniman, Caleb Hayward, signed it.

The foregoing Report was Voted & accepted by the Town in Town meeting assembled the 22^d. day of Aug^st. 1791.

Attest, Eben^r. Thayer jun^r Town Cler.

Com^e to call on those who had money borrow'd of Col°. Quincy. Voted, to chuse a Committee to call upon or settle with those who Received the money that was borrow'd of Col°. Quincy in 1775.

Then Cap Hall Maj^r Penniman and Capt Sawen was chosen for that purpose

[106] Com. to settle with those who advanced money to hire men. Voted, to chuse a Committee to make a final settlement with those persons who advanced money for the purpose of hireing men in the Years 1775 &c. agreeable to the vote of the Town as Recorded in Libro 2nd. Folo 317 Then Peter B. Adams, Esqr. Ebenezer Thayer jun^r Esqr. Dec^n. Moses French, Capt. Eliphalet Sawen & Maj^r Stephen, Penniman was chosen a Committee for the above purpose and that they make out a list of the sums due to each person & the Selectmen are authorized to draw on the Treasurer therefor.

Attest Eben^r Thayer jun Town Cler.

Meeting was then dissolved.

Sept. 27.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled this twenty seventh day of September 1791 pursuant to legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a moderator chosen

First to see if the Town will appoint agents to appear In behalf of them before a Committee of the General Court who are appointed to view the situation and Local circumstances of the North precienct, who have hereto fore prayed to be set of from said Town.

Assembled as aforesaid Mr. Azariah Faxon moderator.

Agents to appear in behalf of the Town with the County Com^e. Voted, to chuse agents to appear in behalf of the Town, before the Committee aforesaid to oppose a seperation takeing place.

Then Maj^r. Stephen Penniman, Ebenezer Thayer jun Esqr. Capt Ichabod Holbrook, and Lieut Seth Mann was chosen for that purpose Attest, Eben^r. Thayer jun Town Cler.

The Moderator then dissolved the meeting.

[107] 1791 November, 28th.
Braintree, Anno Domini 1791.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjournment from August 1st. 1791.

for the division of the County. Commee to give instructions. The Petition from a number of Towns in the County of Suffolk to the General Court praying for a division of said County and the Courts order of Notification thereon being Redd, The Town Voted to chuse a Committee to give instructions to our Representative to use his best endeavors, and Influance in the General Court to have the County divided. Voted that sd Committee serve without any pay.

Then Genl. Thayer, Capt. Vinton, Captn. Hall, Lieut. Baxter Mr. White, Capt. Sawen, and Capt. Wild was chosen.

Moderator. Capt Vinton was excused serving Moderator at his own request, he being engaged in other Business & Majr Penniman was chosen

Treasurer to prosecute Gaius Thayer Bond. Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to put the Bond in sute which he has against Gaius Thayer Decn. S. Holbrook & Cap Vinton

Treasurer to borrow Money — Voted, that the Treasurer be directed and impowered to Borrow-on the Credit of this town a sum not exceeding the sum of Two-hundred pounds and that the same be appropriated & applyed for the purpose of dischargeing such of the Towns debts as are called for.

Collectors chosen & their fees for Collecting. The persons who were chosen Collectors in May last upon conditions did not fulfill those conditions, and the Town made choice of Mess. Elijah Veazie jun Caleb French and Seth Turner jun upon the same condition as the others were chosen, those of them that was present complyd, and procured their bondsman, the Town voted to give them six pence on the pound in each precienct

The Meeting was then adjourned to Monday 12th. December next 3 oclock P.M.

Decemr. 12

The Town being assembled pursuant the above adjournment They made choice of Captn. John Vinton for their Moderator.

Assessors to give draw backs Voted, that the assessors be authorized to give a drawback to Nedebiah Bent for six or seven shillings he being over taxed in year 1790, and to Asaph Faxon such a sum as they shall adjudge him to be over Taxed in said year.

The Meeting was then Dissolved.

[108] Braintree, Anno Domini 1792.

The first meeting that was held in the Town after the North Precienct was Incorporated into a Town which was, February 22d. 1792, follows as is hereafter Recorded.

Anniversary Town meeting for the choice of Town Officers in March 1792.

March 13.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by law to vote in Town affairs being Legally Assembled this thirteenth day of March at the Meeting House in that precienct formerly call'd the Middle precienct, but now the first for the purpose of chusing Town officers and for transacting other affairs of the Town, particulars are as follows (Viz)

First after a Moderator chosen To chuse all such Town officers as the Law directs for the ensuing year.

Secondly to Raise such sum or sums of money as the Town may think proper for the purpose of discharg^g^. the Towns debts and Defraying the expence of the Town the ensuing year.

thirdly to see if the Town will choose a Committee for the purpose of setteling all matters Between this Town & the Town of Quincy.

fourthly to see and determine in what way & manner the Town will repair the High Ways the ensuing year.

fifthly to see if the Town will chuse a Committee for the purpose of takeing care of the fish the ensuing year.

sixthly, To see if the Town will chuse a Committee for the Schooles the ensuing year.

seventhly, To see and determine what money shall be appropriated to the support of schools the ensuing year.

Eighthly to see if the Town will give a premium on Crowsheads.

Ninthly to hear the Report of any Committee or Choose any the Town may think proper.

tenthly to see if the Town will choose a Com^e^. to lease Town Lands.

Eleventhly to act on any other matter or thing the Town may think proper when assembled.

[109] Assembled as aforesaid and made Choice of Maj. Stephen Penniman for Moderator.

Ebenezer Thayer jun^r^ was Chosen Clerk & Treasurer by Ballot.

Voted to Chuse three Selectmen for the ensuing year. Then Mess. Caleb Hayward, Joseph White jun^r^, and Samuel Bass Esq. was chosen.

Voted that the Selectmen be the Assessors.

Votes for a County Treasurer being call'd for & brought in Thomas Crafts Esq. had 97 votes.

Mes^s^. James Holbrook & Seth Turner jun^r^. was chosen Constables, accepted to serve without any pay for Town Business.

Fire Wardens. Zechariah M Thayer, Aaron Littlefield Atkins Clark.

Culler of Staves Incress Bates. (Increaise)

Sealor of Wood Captn. Joseph Allen, Josiah Vinton.

Survayors of Lumber. Mes^s^. Daniel Loring Joshua Samson & Atkins Clark.

Packers of Beef. Mes^s^. Increaise Bates & Elisha Wales.

Cullers of Fish Mes^s^. Increaise Bates & Solomon White sec^d^.

Voted to repair the Highways in the Town in the same manner as has been usual, as Records in page 63, &c

Survayors of Highways. Mes^{s}. Elkanah Thayer Nathaniel Wales Joshua Samson William Harmond Stephen Penniman jun. Peter Dyer Micah Wild Alexander White Caleb French, James Penniman, William Thayer, Isaac Niles John Niles Atkins Clark Joseph Spear Barnabas Clark, Samuel Linsfield Elisha Wales & Doct^{r}. Ebenezer Alden and John Whitcomb.

Fence viewers Captn. Atherton Thayer, Lieut. Nathaniel Wales Lieut. Nathaniel Niles and Lieut. Paul Thayer.

Titheingmen Mes^{s}. Jesse Pratt, Barnabas Thayer, Joseph Porter jun. Gideon Stetson.

Voted that the swine may go at large the ensuing year.

[110] Mes^{s}. Asaph Faxon Solomon Thayer John Vinton jun. Samuel Stetson, Joshua French Solomon White Captn. Wild and Atkins Clark were chosen Hogg Reaves.

Mes^{s}. William Hobart John Vinton jun. Benja. Linfield Caleb White was chosen Field Drivers.

Alewive Committee. Mes^{s}. Nathaniel Wales Jacob Allen Ambrose Salisbury Maj^{r}. S Penniman Mes. Josiah French, John Hobart & John Vinton jun. to see that the alewives are not obstructed and to appoint days & places for catching them.

Assizors of Bread. Mes^{s}. Benjamin Hayden jun. & Seth Turner jun.

Smelt Committee. Mes^{s}. William Briggs, Caleb Hunt & Lemuel Clark.

Sealors of Leather. Mes^{s}. Jonathan Bowditch Jacob Allen Samuel Thayer and Richard Thayer.

Overseer of the Poor House Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman was chosen.

Ebenezer Thayer Esq. Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman Samuel Bass Esq. Lieut. Nathaniel Niles & Capt. John Vinton are chosen a committee to make a full settlement with the Town of Quincy and act as they may think proper with the Towns land.

Ens^{n}. Eben^{r}. Clark Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman Maj^{r}. S. M. Thayer, Lieu Nath Thayer Capt. John Vinton Lu. A Salisbury Mr. Benj. Mann Liu. N Niles Ens. S Linfield Mr. Jo White jun. Capt. B Clark & Cap. Ich. Holbrook, School Committee.

Voted to give one shilling ℔ head on all old Crows heads that shall be kill'd in the Town the ensuing year and carried to the Treasurer, he may oblige them to make oath that they were kill'd in the Town if he see fit or Refuse to pay in case of Refusal.

Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer jun. Town Clerk.

The meeting was adjourned to the first Monday in April next one oclock afternoon.

E. Thayer Jr. Clerk.

[111]. April 2 1792.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled by adjourn^{t}. from March 13th. 1792.

The Committee that was appointed to settle with the Treasurer made their Report which was read and accepted as it is Recorded in the Treasurers Book Fol^{o}. 424 & 425.

Voted a Committee to settle with the Treasurer at the end of the year. Then Maj. Stephen Penniman Cap Nehemiah Holbrook and Samuel Bass Esq. was chosen.

Voted to raise the sum of five hundred pounds for the purpose of defraying the Charges of the Town the Ensuing year and paying the Towns Debts, and that the same be Assessed on the Polls and Estates lying within the same.

Voted to adopt the same Rules and Regulations for the collecting Taxes as was adopted the last year the particulars are Recorded in Fol°. 84.

Money advanced to hire soldiers. Voted that the Committee who was chosen Aug^st^. 22^d^. 1791, to make allowance to those who advanced money be authorized to meet again and make such further allowance as they may think proper.

Drawbacks and over Taxes. Voted that all matters Respecting over Taxes &c be submitted to the Committee who are authorized to settle with the Town of Quincy.

Voted that the May meeting be held at this place this year by a Majority, 69 Voteing for it 39 Voteing against it.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the same day the May meeting shall be on at one oclock afternoon at this place.

Attest Eben^r^. Thayer jun. Town Cler

[112] April 2^d^. 1792

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree Qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Governor Lieu^t^. Governor Councellors & Senators being assembled this second day of April 1792, pursuant to Legal Warrants for that purpose, gave in their Votes as follows, (Viz).

For Governor,		
His Excellency John Hancock Esq.	68. Votes	
Hon. Francis Dana Esq.	2.	
	—	70
For Lieutenant Governor,		
His Honor Samuel Adams Esq.	51.	
Hon Samuel Phillips Esq.	1	
	—	52
For Councellors and Senators.		
Honble. Thomas Dawes Esq.	85	
Honble William Heath Esq.	85	
Hon. Stephen Metcalf Esq.	80	
Ebenezer Thayer jun^r^. Esq.	66	
Edward H Robbens Esq.	33	
Hon. Elijah Dunbar Esq.	40	
Hon. Oliver Wendell Esq.	29	
Hon. Cotton Tufts Esq.	17	
Hon. Benjamin Austin jun. Esq.	24	
James Bowdoin Esq.	19	
Lemuel Kollock Esq.	17	
Hon. William Phillips Esq.	5	
Hon. Ebenezer Wales Esq.	2	
Hon. Thomas Russell Esq.	2	

Attest Eben^r^ Thayer jun^r^. Town Cler

[113] May 17, 1792.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being Assembled by adjournment from April 2d.

Voted to adopt the same Rules & Regulations for Collecting the Taxes as was voted the last year and the year before as Recorded in page 84.

Benjamin White bid of the North precienct bill at nine pence on the pound for Collecting

Seth Turner junr. bid of the South precienct bill at eight pence on the pound he was then Chosen a Collector on the Conditions as Recorded in page 84.

Voted that the Committee prosecute all person who have catch'd alewives contrary to Law.

The School Committee Report that the Sum of One hundred and Thirty pounds will be sufficient for to be laid out in Schooling and in fuel for the fires for said Schools. The Town Voted to Accept the above Report.

Voted to adjourn this meeting to the last monday in November next 2, oclock afternoon.

E. Thayer jun. Town Cler.

May 17

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives being assembled pursuant to legal Warrants for that purpose, the Selectmen opened the meeting it was Voted to send one Representative to the General Court the Ensuing year.

The votes being Collected and Sorted, Ebenezer Thayer junr. Esq. was chosen.

[114] The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to Vote in Town affairs being Assembled pursuant to legal Warrants the particulars are as follows after a Moderator Chosen to see if the Town will hear and grant the Request of Mr. Ebenezer Newcomb which is that the Town will consent that Nights Neck so called may be set of from this Town otherwise that the Town will consent to lay out a way from said Newcombs to the head of Hayward Crick so called.

Secondly to see if the Town will choose an agent or agents or do anything towards incourageing a Seperation of the County of Suffolk.

Assembled and Made Choice of Maj Stephen Penniman for Moderator.

Voted to chuse a Committee to view the land where Mr. Newcomb proposes the way shoud be & Report. Then Lieut. William Hobart Captn. James Faxon & Captn. Isaac Thayer was chosen for that purpose.

Voted to chuse one agent to join with those Towns in the County of Suffolk who have petitioned the Genl. Court to have the County divided then Ebenr. Thayer jun. Esq. was chosen who is hereby authorized to appear in behalf of this Town before the General

Court or any Com. of theirs and to endeavour to have the County divided.

Meeting disolved.

[115] May 28 1792.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified to vote in Town affairs being assembled this 28th. day of May pursuant to Legal warrants the particulars are as follows for the purpose of Chooseing an agent or agents to shew cause why the prayers of the Petitions of the South Precienct made to the General Court the last session should not be granted. Assembled and made choice of Decn. Moses French as Moderator. it was Voted that Capt. John Vinton Decn. Moses French Mr Caleb Hayward Capt. Eliphalet Sawen Capt. Ichabod Holbrook Doctr. Daniel Fogg and Capt. Thomas French be chosen as agents to shew cause why the Prayer of the South Precienct made to the General Court at their last Session (viz) that the said South Precienct be set off as a seperate Town should not be granted. Voted that General Ebenezer Thayer be desired to use his influence for the same Purpose.

Voted that said Committee or agents procure Council if need be and that they Conduct the matter as think best.

Voted that this meeting be adjourned to Monday next five oclock

Caleb Hayward Clerk protempory

A true Copy from the minutes

Attest Ebenr. Thayer junr. Town Cler.

June 4, 1792

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to the above adjournment.

Voted that the Town meetings in future shall be held in the North Precienct one year and in the South the next; and as the meetings have been held in the North this year they shall be continued to be held there untill the first of next March and from that time they shall be held in the South precienct for one year and so shifting alternately from year to year so long as the Town Remains connected as they now are.

The meeting was then disolved.

Attest Ebenr. Thayer junr. Town Cler.

[116] Septr. 3 1792

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs being assembled the third day of September pursuant to legal Warrants the particulars are as follows, after a Moderator chosen

First to see if the Town will give their consent to have a Hospital or horspitals opened in some Convenient place in said Town for the purpose of Inoculating for the small pox.

Secondly to see if the Town will adopt any Measuers for the Regulation of said Hospitals.

thirdly to choose any Committee or hear the Report of any Committee when convened.

Assembled and made choice of Maj Penniman Moderator

Voted that there be Liberty given for Inoculating for the small pox within the Town provided that there can be suitable places provided for Hospitals.

Voted to chuse a Committee who shall be Authorized and Impowered to approve or disapprove of such places as shall be proposed for Hospitals and no person shall presume to Inoculate at any other place than such as shall be approved off by said Committee under the penalty of the Law in that case made and provided. Then Dec^{n}. Moses French Capt. Jonathan Thayer Mr. Caleb Hayward Mr. D. P. Hayward Ebenezer Thayer jun^{r}. Esqr was chosen for the North Precienct Samuel Bass Esq. Lieut. Nathaniel Niles Capt. Eliphalet Sawen Cap. Barnabas Clark & Mr. Joseph White Junr. was chosen for the South Precienct and that the Committee in each Precienct have power to conduct the Business seperately but in case of a disagreement they are to call on the other Committee to assist them in setteling any dispute that may arise with Regard to the place or the limits or bounds allowed the patience to walk or Recreate themselves, and that the whol Committee limit the time for Inoculation.

Meeting was then desolved.

[117] Novr. 2 1792

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by the Constitution to Vote for Representatives to the Genl. Court of this Commonwealth being assembled this second day of November for the purpose of givein their Votes for five Representatives to the next Congress of the United States, one of whom must be an Inhabitant of the County of Suffolk, one of the County of Essex & one of the County of Middlesex, one other may be an Inhabitant of either of the Counties aforesaid, and the other may be an Inhabitant of any part of the Commonwealth, excepting that part formerly call'd the Province of Maine; And also for givein their Votes for five Persons as Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, agreeable to Warrants signed by the Selectmen.

The Votes for Representatives were as follows, viz.

For Suffolk,	
Fisher Ames Esq.	14 Votes
Hon. Benjamin Austing jun^{r}. Esq.	16 Votes.
For Essex	
Hon. Benjamin Goohue Esq.	31 Votes
For Middlesex	
Hon. Samuel Dexter jun^{r}. Esq.	31 Votes
For the three Counties	
Hon. William Heath Esq.	16 Votes
James Bowdoin Esq.	15 Votes
For the Commonwealth excepting Maine	
Fisher Ames Esq.	18 Votes
Hon. David Cobb Esq.	15 Votes

Votes for Electors of President and Vice President are as follows, viz.

The Honble.	Thomas Dawes Esq.	24 Votes
	Charles Jarvis Esq.	24 Votes
Hon.	Azor Orne Esq.	29 Votes
Hon.	Samuel Holton Esq.	24 Votes
	Richard Devens Esq.	24 Votes
	Theophilus Persons Esq.	5 Votes
Hon.	Francis Dana Esq.	5 Votes
Hon.	Increas Sumner Esq.	5 Votes
Hon.	John C Jones Esq.	5 Votes

Meeting was then Disolved.

Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer jun. Town Cler.

[118] Novr. 2 1792

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to Legal Warrants this second day of November the particulars are as follows after a moderator chosen

To see if the Town will addopt any measures in order to put a stop to the Inoculation of the small pox in this Town.

Assembled as aforesaid Dec^{n}. Holbrook Moderator.

Voted, that this Town will not consent that there be any more persons Inoculated in it for the small pox.

Voted to chuse a Committee of three who shall inform the Doctors of this vote and to apply to the Sessions to discontinue the Licence granted to the Doctors in this Town for inoculating Hospitals to be opened for the small pox. Then Mr. Caleb Hayward Eben^{r}. Thayer jun. Esq. and Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman was chosen for said Committee.

Voted that the Selectmen be directed to Remove any person who has or may break out with the small pox, to such a place as they may think will be most for the safety of the Inhabitants and the public.

Voted that the Selectmen examine those persons (if any there be) who may break out with the small pox and should it appear that they were Inoculated they will take the steps of the Law.

Voted that the Committee be directed Immediately to see that the Houses of Mr. Atherton Wales, Doct^{r}. Ephraim Wales and Mr Richard Thayer be cleansed from the infection of the small pox and if any person there be in either of those Houses who may be infected with that disorder that they be immediately removed to such place as they may think proper. Meeting Disolved.

Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r}. Town Cler.

Novr. 26

The Inhabitants being assembled by adjournment from May 17th. there being no Collector agreed with, the Assessors not being present meeting was adjourned to Monday Decr 10th. 2 o clock.

Decr 10.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled this tenth day of December by adjournment from Novr. 26th. no collector agreed with, only one of the Assessors present, after choosing Mr. Solomon Thayer one of the School Com^{e}. in the Room of Maj. Samuel M Thayer who was gone to Boston to live, The meeting was then desolved.

Decr 10.

At the same Time the Inhabitants assembled on a new warrant after a Moderator chosen to see if the Town will consent to sell the Towns wood in the Town of Quincy and to chuse a Com for that purpose Assembled Maj^{r}. Penniman Moderator, there was not a vote for to sell the wood, the meeting was disolved.

E. Thayer jun. Town Cler.

Jan^{ry}. 14 1793

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree qualified by the Constitution to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of this Commonwealth being assembled this fourteenth day of January for the purpose of givein their Votes for one Representative to the next Congress of the United States, which were as follows:

For the Honble. William Heath Esq.	7 Votes
James Bowdoin Esq.	8 Votes
Hon^{r}. Benjamin Austin jun. Esq.	16 Votes
	31

Attest Eben^{r}. Thayer ju.

[119] Jan^{ry}. 14.

The Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Braintree being assembled pursuant to legal warrants particulars are as follows after a Moderator chosen.

First To see if the Town will Authorize and impower their Treasurer to Borrow such sum or sums of money as are necessary to pay the Towns debts which they are in Connection with the Town of Quincy.

Secondly to see if the Town will Petition the General Court to put a stop to the Distilling Spirituous liquors out of Rye.

Thirdly to chuse any Committee or hear the Report of any the Town may think proper when assembled.

Assembled as aforesaid Captn. Eliphalet Sawen Moderator.

Voted that the Treasurer give his Security as Treasurer for said Town for their part or proportion of all Debts due from them previous to the Incoperation of the Town of Quincy.

Voted a petition be presented to the General Court praying that a stop be put to the distilling Rye into Spirits. Then Voted that Hon. Samuel Niles Esq. Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman and Capt. Elisha Wales be a Committee to draught and sign a Petition in behalf of the Town for the purpos aforesaid.

The Records of the Town of Braintree after Randolph was Incorporated are entered on page 125.

Attest Eben^r. Thayer jun. T. Cler.

[440] Suffolk ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree in said County Greeting.

[L.S.] You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice unto William Chandler, Eliphalet Chandler, Zaionus Sawyour Sarah Phill, James Pratt and family Lemuel French, Samuel Jones and family, Joshua Packard, Mary Burns Phebe Done Ager at Peter Bicknells, Jaxson Gurney, Susanna Ripley, Charles Thomson, Elisha Turner, Rufus Davis, Robert Omen, Eli Farrington, Mary Farrington, John Martain Renagger, Widow Sarah Pope, John Pope, Asa Pope, Thomas Cooke, Peter Burrell, Seth Burrell, Peter Brow, London a negro, of the Town of Braintree in the County of Suffolk who have lately come into this town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns Consent, Therfor that they Depart the limits thereof with their children and others under their Care within fifteen Days and of this precept with your Doings thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clerk, of the Town of Braintree within twenty Days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Directs.

Given under our hands and seals at Braintree the Twenty-fourth Day of December A.D. 1789.

John Hall,
Stephen Penniman } Selectmen.
Joseph White Junr,

Suffolk ss. Braintree January 9th. 1790.

In obedience to the within Precept I have by written Precipt in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts warned and Given notice unto all the within named Persons to Depart the Limits of this Town within fifteen Days with their families and all under their care. Daniel Baxter Const.

A true Copy

Attest, Eben^r Thayer jun Town Cler.

[441] Anno Domini 1790 Jan^ry 3^d Rec^d this Warrant.

The following is a Copy of Warrants as Returned.

Suffolk ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Brain-
[SEAL] tree in said County Greeting.

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give Notice unto David Smith, Labourer, Ruth Smith, widow, Joshua Briggs, Increas Bates, Jonathan Dammon Jonathan Derbe, Samuel Hunt, Joseph Peaks Ammon White, Capt. Shubal Cook of Braintree in the County of Suffolk Labourers or Transant person who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent therfor, that you and each of you whose names are above written depart the limits thereof with their children and all others under their cair or Command within fifteen days, and of this Preceipt and your doings thereon you are to make Return into the

office of the Clerk of the Town within Twenty days next coming that further Proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law directs. Given under our hands, and seals this twenty fourth day of December one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine

Stephen Penniman }
John Hall, } Selectmen.
Joseph White Junr }

Suffolk ss. Braintree January 1st. 1790.

In obedience to this precept I have warned and Given notice to the within named persons to depart the limits of said Town as within directed

James Holbrook Cons^t.

A True Copy

Attest, Eben^r. Thayer Junr Town Cler.

Jan^ry 4th. 1790.

[442] No 3 Suffolk ss. To either of the Constables of the
[SEAL] Town of Braintree in said County Greeting.

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give Notice unto John Stofel, Lettes Pierce, and Daughter of Dorchester & Hanner Milton of Hull, Mary Hollis of Weymouth of the County of Suffolk who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor that they may Depart the Limits thereof with their children and others under their care within fifteen Days and of this Precipt with your doings thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clerk, of the Town of Braintree, within Twenty days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law Directs. Given under our hands & Seals at Braintree the first Day of February A.D. 1790.

Stephen Penniman, }
John Hall, } Selectmen.
Josep White jun^r, }

Suffolk ss. Braintree February 11th. 1790.

In obedence to the within Precept I have in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts By written Precept warned and Given Notice unto the within Named Persons with all under their care to Depart the Limits of this Town within fifteen Days.

Daniel Baxter Const.

A true Copy Attest, Eben^r. Thayer jun. Town Cler.

[443] No 4. Suffolk ss. To either of the Constables of the
[SEAL] Town of Braintree in said County, Greeting.

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give notice Unto, Jonathan Rand, William Read, Frederick Read Jonathan Hill, Israel Beal Susannah Stephens, Seth Packard, James White, John Dunham, Silas Alden, Semion Alden George Jeffers Samuel Lull, Joseph Wintworth, Adam Hollis Ambrose Hollis, of the Town of Braintree in the County of Suffolk Labourers, who have lately Come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having obtained the Towns

Consent therefor, that they depart the limits thereof with their children and others under the care within fifteen days and of this Precept with your doings thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clerk of the Town of Braintree, within Twenty Days, next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the Premises, as the Law directs. Given under our hands and seals at Braintree the first Day of February A.D. 1790.

Joseph White jun^{r} }
John Hall } Selectmen.
Stephen Penniman }

Suffolk, ss. Braintree, February 13th. 1790.

In obedience to the Preceipt I warned the within named Persons to move out of this Town with their famelys & affects.

Barnabas Clark, Constable

A true Copy·

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer jun Town Cler.

[444] No 5 Suffolk, ss. To either of the Constables of the
[SEAL] Town of Braintree in said County Greeting.

You are hereby required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to warn and give notice unto Zenas Lathrop who came from Bridgewater, John May who came from Milton, Betsey Barnes who came from Stoughton, William Coe his wife and family who came from Roxbury, Richard Mire and Elezabeth his wife negroes, William Jones and Mary his wife who came from Boston, Thomas Cook and wife who Came Cape Codd, Josiah Pratt and wife who came from Weymouth, Peter Burrill and wife and family who came from Weymouth, Seth Burrill wife and family who came from Weymouth, Jackson Gurney, Salley Guerny from Bridgewater, Rebecca Daniels from Milton, Adam Oliver from Boston, Thomas Hollis his wife and family who came from Weymouth, Richard Peirce from Stoughton, Mrs. Cook widow from Boston, Stephen Randall from Boston, Enoch Haughton from Milton, Prince Tomas from Weymouth, all of the aforesaid persons now reside in the Town of Braintree aforesaid, who have lately came into this town for the purpose of abiding therein not having Obtained the Towns consent therefor, that they with their children and all others under there care Do Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen Days and of this Preceipt with your doings thereon you are to make Return into the Office of the Clerk of the Town of Braintree within twenty days next coming, that such proceedings may be had in the Premises as the Law directes.

Given under our hands and seals at Braintree aforesaid this twenty ninth day of December in the year of our LORD, one thousand seven hundred and ninety.

John Hall, }
Stephen Penniman, } Selectmen.
Joseph White Junr, }

Suffolk, ss. Braintree January 12th. 1791.

In obediance to the within precept I have warned all the with

named persons to depart the limits of this Town as within directed.

James Holbrook, Constable.

A true Copy

Attest, Eben^{r}. Thayer jun^{r} Town Cler.

[445] No. 6. Suffolk ss. To either of the Constables of
[SEAL] the Town of Braintree Greeting

You are hereby Required in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to Warn and give notice unto Hezekiah Bullard who came from the Town of Medway now residing in Braintree aforesaid who hath Lately Came into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not having the Towns consent therefore that he do Depart the Limits thereof within fifteen days and of this Preceipt with your doings thereon you are to make Return into the office of the Clerk of the Town of Braintree within Twenty Days next coming that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law directs Given under our hands and seals at Braintree aforesaid this twentieth Day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

Caleb Hayward
Joseph White Junr, } Selectmen.
John Hall,

Suffolk, ss. Braintree March 2^{d}. 1792.

In obediance to this within Precept I have warned the within named Hezekiah Bullard to Depart the limits of this Town as within directed ℘ James Holbrook Constable.

A True Copy exm^{d}. ℘ Eben^{r}. Thayer junr Town Clerk.

No. 7 Ss^{t}. To either of the Constables of the Town of Brain-
[SEAL] tree in said County Greeting,

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts directed to warn and give Notice unto Francis Thayer of Boston in said County Merchant, and James Dill of Hull in said County, Cordwinder, Ebenezer Belcher, and unto Titus a Tranciènt negroman who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abideing therein not having obtained the Towns consent therefor, That the said Thayer and Dill with his children & the s^{d} Titus depart the limits thereof with the others under their care within fifteen days and with this precept with your doing thereon you are to make return into the office of the Clerk of the Town within twenty days next comeing, that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the law Directs.

Given under our hands & seals at Braintree this seventeenth day of May Anno Domini one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety two, Caleb Hayward, Joseph White ju. Saml. Bass Selectmen of said Braintree.

[446] Suffolk ss. Braintree June 4th. 1792. Pursuant to the within Precept I have warned all the within named persons to depart the limits of this Town as within mentioned.

James Holbrook Constable.

The above Return was made on the back of the last warrant Recorded on the last page which has been examined by the Subscriber, and found to be a True Copy.

Attest Eben^r Thayer jun^r. Town Cler.

No. 8 S st. To either of the Constables of the Town of Brain-
[SEAL] tree in said County Greeting,

You are in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, directed to warn and give Notice unto Amasa Wade and Lott Wade both of Weymouth also Elisha Nash of said Weymouth and Millia Pratt in said County and Gilford Field of the Town of Quincy of said County & Levi Humphrey a transient man and Lydia Mackmurfey of Abington with their families who have lately come into this Town for the purpose of abiding therein not haveing obtained the Towns consent therefor that they the said Amasa and Lott Wade, Nash & Field and Humphry with their children Depart the limets thereof with the others under their care within fifteen days and with this precept with your doings thereon you are to make Return into the Office of the Clerk of said Town within twenty days next comeing that such further proceedings may be had in the premises as the Law Directs.

Given under our hands and Seal at Braintree this eighth day of June Anno Domini One Thousand seven hundred and ninety two.

Caleb Hayward, Samuel Bass, Selectmen.

Suffolk ss. Braintree June 21st. 1792.

Pursuant to the within warrant I have warned all the within named Persons to depart the Limets of this Town as within directed.

℘ James Holbrook Constable

True Copy Examined

Eben^r. Thayer jun^r. Town Cler.

END OF VOLUME III.

BRAINTREYS BOOK OF RECORDS,

OF

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

beginninge in ye year 1643.

At first kept by Henry Addams.

Then by Capt. Richard Brackett.

Then by Jno. Mills.

Then by Christopher Webb.

next by Benjamin Thompson.

next by Samuel Thompson.

y^{n}. Benjamin Thompson, 1696 Physician and Schoole Maister.

next by Joseph Parmenter.

next by Benjamin Webb, 1709 p^{t} one year.

then ꝑ Mr. Parmenter again 18 years.

Then again ꝑ Benjamin Webb, 1728, 8 years.

Then by Richard Faxon, chose March 7th. 1736/7 & he served 17 years.

Then by Elisha Niles Esqr. who was Chose March 5th. 1753, and continued in the Office untill the day of his Death which was July 1st. 1776.

[3] 1643.

Solomon Curtis son of Deodatus Curtis and Rebeckah Curtis his wife was borne, the eighth day of June 1643.

Hanna Jewell Daughter of Thomas Jewell and Grizell his wife Borne, the 27 day of ye 12 month.

Peter Stott, ye son of Beniamen Stott & Hannah his wife borne ye 6th of March, 1643.

1644.

Eliazer sonne of Henry Adams and Elizabeth his wife was born the 5 Day of the 6 month.

1646.

Samuel, sonne of William Alyes & Mary his wife was Borne the 24th. of ye 12 month.

Edmond Sheffild soone of Edmond Shefled & his wife Born the 15 of the 10 month.

Hannah, Daughter of William Osborne & Frizund his wife was Borne The 24th. of the 6 month.

[4] 1647.

Elizabeth, Daughter of Thomas Willmott & Elizabath his wife was Borne 4 D. 2 (m^o).

Mary, Daughter of James Couve & Mary his wife was Borne the 7 D. of the 3 month.

Jasper, soone of Henry Adames & Eliasabeth his wife was Borne the 23 D. of ye 4, month.

Samuel, soone of Henry Neale, & Martha his wife Borne the 31 of 5 month.

William soone of William Veazie & Elinor His wife was Borne the 6 of the 8 month.

Elisabeth Daghter of Thomas Thaire & his wife born 23 of 1 (mo).

1648.

Samuell, the soone of George Rugels & Elizabeth His wife was Borne the 3 day of the 11 month.

John soone, of Edward Inman & his wife Borne 18 of the 7 month.

[5] 1649.

Henry soone of Henry Neall and Martha his wife was borne the 19 day of the 1 month.

Elizabeth, Daughter of Henry Adams & Elizabeth His wife was Born the eleventh day of the ninth month, 11.–9.–49

Ann Sheffield, ye Daughter of Edmd Sheffield Born the 1 day of the 2 month.

Bezaliell, soone of William Osborne & Frizund His wife was Borne the eight day of the first month 8–1–49

Abigall, Daughter of Francis gould and Roose His wife was Borne the 18 Day of the 12 month, 49

[6] 1650

John, soone of Francis Eliote & Mary his wife was Born the seventeen Day of the second month.

[7] RECORDS OF BIRTHS, Richard Brackett Clerk.

Wilom Arnoll, the sonne of Joseph Arnoll and Rabecka his wife was born the 16 day y^e (1) mo. 1649.

John Holl, the sonne Edward Holl and Hester his wife was born the (23) of (11) mo — 1650.

Wiliam Allis the sonne Wilim Allis and Mary his wife was born the (8) (mo) (20) (1651.

Samuel Walsbe, the sonne of David Walsbee and Hanna his wife was Borne the (9) of (2) mo. (51).

James Yorke, the sonn of ye James York and Johanna his wife was borne the (14) day (4) mo (48).

Ruth Curtis, the Drter of Deodatus and his wife Rebecka was born the (8) (11) (1647.)

Joseph Arnoll the sonne of Joseph Arnoll and Rebeka his wife was born the (18) (8) (52).

Hanna Adams, the daughter of Joseph Adams and abagall his wife was born the (13) y^er (9) (1652)

1654.

Submit the sonne of Alexander Plumly and Hester his wife was born the (8) (11) (53)

Mary Allis the dauter of wilom Allis and mary his wife was born the (25) (8) (53)

Sarra the Dagtar the Henery Nell and Martha his wife was born the (23) (5) (53)

Mary the Daughter of ffrancis Goole and Ros his wife was born the (23) (10) (51)

Martha the Daughter of Francis Goole and Ros his wife was born the (15) (8) (54).

Hanna the Daughter of Henry Nell and Martha his wife born (2) (2) 1651

[9] RECORD OF MARRIAGES IN BRANTREE.

1643.

Henry Adames and Elizabeth Paine were married the seventeen day of the eighth month 1643 (17) D 8) m

1650.

Joseph Adames and Abigal Baxter were married the second day of the ninth month 1650 (2) of (9).

1651

Steven Payne and Hanna Bass were married the 15 of the 9 mo 1651

1653

Samuel Staples and Mary Boles were married I the (30) (6) (52)

Samuel Staples & Mary Cole, 1644.

1647.

[10] Samuel Dearing & Bethia Baxter were married.

Dr John Morly & Constant Starr were married the 20, Day of the 2 month.

Daniel Weld & Ann Hide married the 30 day of the 5 month.

1648

Robert Parmetter & Leah Wheatly were married the 13 day of the 2 month

Edmund Quinsie & Joane Hoare were maried the 26 day of the 5 month.

[11] was borne the (7) 1645.

Mary Saunders the daughter of John Saunders and Mary his wife was borne the 12, m° 10th 1653.

Moses Payne, the sone of Moses Payne & Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (16) (5th) 1646.

Elizabeth Payne, the Daughter of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the 6th mo 5th. 1648.

Sarah Payne the daughter of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (30) (11) 1650.

Moses Payne the second son of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (26) (4) 1652.

Mary Payne, the daughter of Moses and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the 12, m°. 1, 1655.

William Payne, the sone of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the 2 m°. 1, 1657.

Mary Nucome, the daughter of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the 1, m°. 2, 1640.

Sarah Nucome, the daughter of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (30) (4) 1643.

Judith Nucome the daughter of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (16) (11) 1645.

Peter Nucome, the sone of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (16) (3) 1648.

Abigail Nucome, the daughter of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (16) (5) 1651.

Leah Nucome, the daughter of ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (30) (5) 1654.

Mary Shed, the daughter of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne the 1, m°. 8th 1647.

Daniel Shed, the sonne of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne, the (30) (6) 1649.

Hanna Shed, the daughter of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne the 7th. m°. 7th 1651.

John Shed, the sone of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne the 1, mo. 2, 1654.

Elizabeth Shed, the daughter of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne the (17) (4) 1656.

Zachariah Shed the sone of Daniel Shed and Mary his wiffe was borne the (17) (4) (1656 being twins.

David Walsbee the sone of David and Hannah his wiffe was borne the (29) 7 mo. 1655.

[13] John Addams the sone of Joseph Addams and Abigaill his wife was borne the (11) mo (12) 1656.

Joseph Addams the sone of Joseph Addams and Abigaill his wife was borne the (24) (10) 1654

Joseph Saunders the sone of Martin Saunders and Liddia his wiffe was borne the 3, mo. 8th 1657.

Mary Gatlive the daughter of Thomas Gatlive and Prudence his wiffe was borne the (13) (12) 1655.

Rachel Staples, the daughter of Samuel Staples and Mary his wiffe was borne the (31) (8) 1657.

James Lovitt, the sonne of Daniel Lovitt and Johanna his wiffe was borne the 5th mo. 8th 1648.

Mary Lovitt, the daughter of Daniel Lovitt and Johanna his wiffe was borne the 1 mo. 7th. 1651.

Martha Lovitt the daughter of Daniel Lovitt and Johanna his wiffe was borne the 4th mo. 7th. 1654.

Hanna Lovitt, the daughter of Daniel Lovitt and Johanna his wiffe was borne the (30) (1) 1656.

John Woodlande, the sone of John Woodlande and Martha his wiffe was borne the (25) (1) 1651.

Mary Harbour, the daughter of John Harbour, and Jael his wiffe was, borne the 1, mo. 1, 1655.

Hanna Harbour, the daughter of John Harbour, and Jael his wiffe was born the (29) (11) 1657

Mary Ellisson the daughter of Richard Ellisson and Thamasin his wife was borne the (15) (6) 1646.

Hanna Ellisson, the daughter of Richard Ellisson and Thamasin his wife was borne the (24) (5) 1648.

John Ellisson, the sone of Richard Ellisson, and Thamasin his wiffe was borne the (26) (6) 1650.

Sarah Ellison, the daughter of Richard Ellisson and Thamasin his wiffe was borne the 10th. mo. 4th. 1652.

Thamasin Ellisson, the daughter of Richard Ellisson and Thamasin his wiffe was borne the (1) mo. 1, 1655.

Experience Ellisson, the daughter of Richard Ellisson and Thamasin his wife was borne (6) mo. 2, 1657.

[15] Ruggles the daughter of George Ruggles and Elizabeth his wife was borne the (16) (12) 1.

Sarah Ruggles, the daughter of of George Ruggles, and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (29) (7)

Mehetabell, Ruggles, the daughter of George Ruggles and Elizabeth his wife was borne the (16) (5) 1650.

Isaac Seffeild, the sone of Edmond Sheffeild and Mary his wiffe was borne the (15) (1) 1651.

Mary Sheffeild, the daughter of Edmond Sheffeild and Mary his wiffe was borne the (14) (4) 1653.

Matthew Sheffeild, the daughter of Edmund Sheffeild and mary his wiffe was borne (26) (3) 1655.

Jonathan Hoidon the sone of John Hoidon and Susanna his wiffe was borne the (19) (3) 1640.

Hanna Hoidon, the daughter of John Hoidon and Susanna his wiffe was borne the 2, mo. 7th. 1642.

Ebenezer Hoidon, the sone of John Hoidon, and Susanna his wiffe was borne the 12, mo. 7th. 1645.

Nehemiah Hoidon, the son of John Hoidon and Susanna his wiffe was borne the (14) (12) 1647.

Hanna Peniman, the daughter of James Peniman and Liddia his wife was borne the (26) (3) 1648.

Abigaill Peniman the daughter of James Peniman and Liddia his wife was borne the (27) (10) 1651

Mary Peniman, the daughter of James Peniman and Liddia his wiffe was borne the (29) (7) 1653.

Samuel Peniman, the sone of James Peniman and Liddia his wife was borne the (1) (9) (1655.)

Mary Saunders the daughter of John and [Mary] borne the (12) (10) 1653.

[16] John Downam, the sone of John Downam and Dorothy his wiffe was borne the (30) (7) 1644.

Joseph Downam, the sonne of John Downam and Dorothy his wiffe was borne the (30) (2) 1645.

John the sonne of John Downam and Dorothy his wiffe was borne the (1) mo. (7) 1652.

Mercie Downam the daughter of John Downam and Dorothy his wiffe was borne the (1) mo (7) 1652.

Susanna Chapman, the daughter of Richard Chapman and Mary his wiffe was borne the (25) (12) 1647.

Hope Chapman, the sonne of Richard Chapman and Mary his wiffe was borne the (30) (11) 1654.

Mary Chapman, the daughter of Richard Chapman and Mary his wiffe was borne the (30) (4) 1657.

Elizabeth Downam, the daughter of Deerman Downam and Elizabeth his wiffe borne the (15) (11) 1645.

John Downam, the sonne of Deerman Downam and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (15) (12) 1647.

Hanna Veasy the daughter of William Veasy and Ellin his wiffe was borne the (18) (1) 1644.

Sollomon Veasy, the sonne of William Veasy and Ellin his wiffe was borne the 3^{d}. mo. 11th. 1650.

Elizabeth Veasy the daughter of William Veasy and Ellin his wiffe was borne the (13) (8) 1653.

Steevin Payne, the sonne of Steevin Payne and Hanna his wiffe was borne the 8th mo. 1, 1652.

Samuel Payne, the sonne of Steevin Payne and Hanna his wiffe was borne the 4th. mo. 10th. 1654.

Hanna Payne, the daughter of Steevin Payne and Hanna his wiffe was borne the (28) (11) 1655

Sarah Payne, the daughter of Stevin Payne and Hanna his wiffe was borne the 9th. mo. 1, 1657.

Nathaniel Thayre the sonne of Richard Thayre and Dorothy his wiffe was borne the 11th. mo. 1, 1657.

Sarah Tomson, the daughter of Samuel Tomson and Sarah his wiffe was borne the 8th. mo. 27, 1657.

Hannah Kingsly, the daughter of Samuel Kingsly and Hannah his wiffe was borne the (27) (5) 1656.

Elizabeth Kingsley, the daughter of Samuel Kingsly and Hannah his wiffe was borne, the (22) (9) 1657.

Annah Tomson the daughter of M^{r}. William Tomson and Annah his wiffe, was borne the 1 mo. 3, 1648.

Dorathy fflynt, the daughter of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (21) (5) 1642.

Annah fflynt the daughter of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (11th. mo. 7th 1643.

Josiah fflynt the sonne of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (24) (6) 1645.

Margrett fflynt, the daughter of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (20) (4) 1647

Joanna fflynt, the daughter of Mr. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (18) (12) 1648.

David fflynt, the sonne of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (11) (11) 1651

Seth fflynt the sonne of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (2) (2) 1653.

Ruth fflynt the daughter of Mr Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (31) (11) 1654.

Cotton fflynt and John fflynt the sonnes of M^{r}. Henry fflynt and Margery his wiffe was borne the (16) (7) 1656.

Rachell Eliott, the daughter of Ffrancis Eliott and Mary his wiffe was borne the (26) (8) 1643.

Hanna Eliott, the daughter of Ffrancis Eliott and Mary his wiffe was borne the 11th. mo. 8th. 1651.

John Saunders, the sone of John Saunders and Mary his wiffe was borne the (23) (9) 1657.

Samuel Savill, the sonne of William Savill and Hanna his wiffe was borne the (30) (8) 1643.

Benjamin Savill, the sone of William Savill and Hanna his wiffe was borne the (28) (8) 1645.

Hanna Savill the daughter of William Savill and Hanna his wiffe was borne the 1, mo. 11th. 1647.

William Savill the sone of William Savill and Sarah his wife was borne the (17) (5) 1650.

[19] John Ames, the sone of William Ames and Hannah his wiffe was borne the (24) (3) 1647.

Sarah Ames, the daughter of William Ames and Hannah his wife was borne the 1, m^{o}. 1, 1650.

Deliverance Ames, the daughter of William Ames and Hannah his wife was borne the 12, m^{o}. 6th. 1653.

Hanna Niles, the daughter of John Niles and Jane his wife was borne the (16) (12) 1636.

John Niles, the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the 4th mo. 1, 1638.

Joseph Niles, the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the (15) (6) 1640.

Nathaniel Niles, the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the (16) (6) 1642.

Samuell Niles the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the (12, m°. 3, 1644.

Increase Niles the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the (16) (10) 1646.

Beniamin Niles, the sone of John Niles and Jane his wiffe was borne the 11th. m°. 1, 1650.

Dependance Ffrench, the sonne of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe was borne the 7th. mo. 1, 1648.

Temperance Ffrench the daughter of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe was borne the (30) (1) 1651.

Thomas Ffrench, the sone of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe was born

William Ffrench the sone of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe was borne the (31) (1) 1653.

Elizabeth Ffrench the daughter of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe was borne, the (29) (7) 1655.

Dorathy Thayer, the daughter of Richard Thayer and Dorathy his wiffe was borne the (30) (6) 1653.

Richard Thayer the sone of Richard Thayer and Dorathy his wiffe was born (31) (6) 1655.

Mary Hardman, the daughter of John Hardman and Sarah his wife was borne the 9th mo. 10th 1652.

John Hardman, the sone of John Hardman and Sarah his wiffe was born the 9th m°. 9th 1654.

Isaac Thayer, the sone of Thomas Thayer and Hanna his wife was borne the 7th. m°. 7th, 1654.

John Thayer, the sone of Thomas Thayer and Hanna his wife was borne the (25) (10) 1656.

Rachell Thayer, the daughter of Sidrick Thayer and Mary his wife was borne the 9 mo. 9th 1655

Tryall Thayer the daughter of Sidrick Thayer and Mary his wife was borne the 12, m°. 7th. 1656.

Samuel Sheffield, the sone of Edmond Sheffeild and Mary his wife was borne the (26) (9) 1657.

Deliverence Owen, the daughter of William Owen, and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the(15) (12) 1654.

Ebenezer Owen, the sonne of William Owen, and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the 3d. mo 1, 1657.

Sarah Harman, the daughter of Nathaniel Harmon and Mary his wiffe was borne the 1 mo. 3, 1652

Jonathan Harman, the sone of Nathaniel Harmon and Mary his wife was borne the (24) (4) 1654

Ephraim Harmon the sone of Nathaniel Harman and Mary his wife was borne the (30) (8) 1656.

Mary Ffackson the daughter of Richard Ffackson and Elizabeth his wife was borne, the (19) (10) 1657.

Anna Shooter, the daughter of Peter Shooter and Anna his wiffe was born the (1) mo. 3, 1654.

Nathaniel Mott, the sonne of Nathaniel mott and Anna his wife was borne the (28) (10) 1657.

John Holbrooke the sonne of Thomas Holbrooke and Joana his wife was borne the (15)th. mo. (8th.) 1653.

Peter Holbrooke the sonne of Thomas & Joanna his wife born the 7th. mo 1st. 1655.

Johanna Holbrooke the daughter of Thomas Holbrooke and Joana his wife was borne the (30) (3).

Peter Webb, the sonne of Christopher Webb, and [Hannah] his wife was borne the

Joseph Allen Son of Mr. Samuel Allen was born 15th of May, Anno Dom: 1650.

[20] John Payne son of Steven Payne and Hannah his wife was borne 21, of 7th. 1666.

Entrd ꝑ Benj: Thompson.

Elizabeth Ruggles 22, 9th 1697.

Elizabeth Ruggles, Daughter of John Ruggles and Rebekah his wife was born the 26 Day of December 1669.

[23] JOHN MILLS CLARK OF WRITS FOR BRAINTREE 6 mo 10.
Record of Births.

Elizabeth Mills the daughter of John Mills Junior and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the first of the 5th mo 1654.

Thomas Copeland, the sone of Laurence Copeland and Liddia his wiffe was born the third day of the 10th mo. 1652.

Thomas Copeland the second sone of Lawrence Copeland and Liddia his wife was borne the sixth day of the 12 mo 1654.

Sarah Savell, the daughter of William Savill and Sarah his wiffe was Borne the first of the eight mo 1654.

Hester Hall, the daughter of Edward Hall with Hester his wiffe was Borne the 23d of the eight month 1654.

Josia Brackett, the sone of Richard Brackett and Allis his wiffe was Borne the 8th of the 3d mo. 1652.

Samuel Davis the sone of Samuel Davis and Sarah his wiffe was borne, the (22) (1) 1653.

Ebenezer Speere, the sonne of George Speere and Mary his wiffe was borne the (3) (6) 1654.

Sarah Thayer the daughter of Ffarthenendoe Thayer and Hulda his wife was borne the (12) (3) 1654.

Debora Fackson, the daughter of Thomas Fackson and Debora his wiffe was borne the (28) (3) 1654.

John Arnoll, the sone of Joseph Arnoll and Rebeca his wiffe was borne the (2) (2) 1655.

Elizabeth Fackson the daughter of Richard Fackson and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (26) (1) 1655.

William Scant the son of William Scant and Sarah his wiffe was borne the (16) (1) 1655.

Mary Staples the daughter of Samuel Staples and Mary his wiffe was borne the (24) (7) 1655.

Nathaniell the sone of Thomas Juell and Grizell his wiffe was borne the (15) (2) 1648.

Grizell the daughter of Thomas Juell and Grizell his wiffe was borne the (19) (1) 1651

Mercy the daughter of Thomas Juell and Grizell his wiffe was borne the (14) (2) 1653.

John Webb, the sonne of Christopher Webb and Hanna his wiffe was borne the (23) (8) 1655.

William Allis the sonne of William Allis and Mary his wife was borne the (10) (11) 1655:

Sarah Belcher, the daughter of John Belcher and Sarah his wife was borne the (27) (4) 1656.

Samuel Vesey, the sonne of William Vesey and Ellin his wife was borne the (24) (6) 1656.

Mary Ffackson, the daughter of Richard Ffackson and Elizabeth his wiffe was born the (7) (7) 1656.

Martha Barrett the daughter of Thomas Barrett and Ffrancis his wife was borne the (17) (7) 1656.

William Copeland the sonne of Laurence Copeland and Liddia his wiffe was borne the (15) (9) 1656.

Hanna Goole, the daughter of Ffrancis Goole and Rose his wife was borne the (18) (5) 55.

John Goole, the sonne of Ffrancis Goole and Rose his wife was borne the (2) (26) 57.

Richard Poffer the sonne of James Poffer and Mary his wiffe was borne the (14) (1) 1657.

Sarah Mills, the daughter of John Mills Junior and Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (9) (4) 1656.

Joseph P'menter the sonne of Robert P'menter and Leah his wife was borne the (20) (10) 1655.

Mary twells the daughter of Robert twells and Martha his wiffe was borne the 8th m°. 5th. 1656.

John P'menter the sone of Robert P'menter and Leah his wife was borne the (23) (8) 1653.

Elizabeth P'menter the daughter of Robert P'menter and Leah his wife was borne the (22) (8) 1657

Rebecah Ffackson, the daughter of Thomas Fackson and Debora his wife was borne the (25) (4) 1657

Hanna Brackett, the daughter of Peter Brackett and Prissilla his wife was born (14)

[24] JOHN MILLS CLARKE RECORD OF DEATHS 6th mo 10th 1654.

Thomas Copeland the first sonne of Laurence Copeland and Lidia his wife was Buried the 11th mo 4th 1652.

Thomas Smith servant to Thomas Gatlive died 4th mo. 7th. 1654.

Andrew Rounsimon servant to Gregory Belcher a Scotish man dyed the 8th m°. 31, 1657.

Bethia Deeringe the wiffe of Samuell Deeringe dyed the 11th m°. 3, 1649.

Mary Deeringe the wiffe of Samuel Deeringe dyed the 5th mo. 1, 1657.

John P'menter the son of Robert P'menter and Leah his wiffe dyed the 9th mo· 4th. 1653.

Hannah Walsbee the wiffe of David Walsbee dyed 12 m° 2, 1655

Judith Saunders, the daughter of Martin Saunders and Rachell his wife died the 7th mo. 5th. 1651.

Rachell Saunders, the wiffe of Martin Saunders dyed the (15) (7) 1651.
Hanna Brackett the daughter of Peter Brackett and Prissilla his wiffe dyed the (15) (4) 1657.
Moses Payne, the sone of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe dyed the 12 m°. 2, 1648.
Sarah Payne, the daughter of Moses Payne & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed the 6 m°. 10th. 1651.
John Georg, the sone of Peter Georg and Mary his wiffe dyed, the 9th. mo. 2, 1653.
John Addams the sone of Joseph Addams and Abigail his wife dyed the (27) (11) 1656.
Joseph Saunders, the sone of Martin Saunders and Liddia his wife dyed the (19) (3) 1657.
Josia Allis the sone of William Allis and Mary his wife dyed the (15) (8) 1651.
Edmond Quinsy the sonne of Edmond Quinsy and Joanna his wife dyed the 7th m°. 11th. 1657.
Hanna Harbour, the daughter of John Harbour and Jael, his wife dyed the (30) (2) 1657.
Jane Niles, the wiffe of John Niles dyed the (15) (3) 1654.
William Ames dyed the 11th mo 1, 1653
Thomas Ffrench the sone of John Ffrench and Grace his wiffe dyed the (28) (8) 1656.
Rachell Thayre, the daughter of Sidrick Thayre and Mary his wiffe dyed the (23) (9) 1656
Mary the wiffe of Sidrick Thayer dyed the 2, m°. 2, 1657.
Mary Ffackson the daughter of Richard Ffackson and Elizabeth his wiffe dyed the (14) (7) 1657.
Peter Shooter dyed the (15) (5) 1654.
Richard Hardier dyed the (27) (10) 1657.
John Downam the sonne of John Downam and dorethy his wife dyed the 8th. m°. 9th 1644.
Mary Chapman the daughter of Richard Chapman and Mary his wiffe dyed the (15) (5) 1657.
Sarah Tomson the daughter of Samuel Thomson and Sarah his wiffe dyed the 9th m°. 11th. 1657.
Margaret Fflynt the daughter of Mr Henry Fflynt and Margery his wiffe dyed the (29) (6) 1648.
David Fflynt, the sonne of Mr Henry Fflynt and Margery his wiffe dyed the (21) (1) 1652.
Cotton Fflynt and John Fflynt dyed the (20) (9) 1656 being the sons of Mr. Henry Fflynt.
John Saunders the sone of John Saunders and Mary his wiffe, dyed the 10th m°. 2, 1657.
Hanna the wiffe of William Savill dyed the (14) (4) 1650.
Sarah the wiffe of William Savill dyed the (13) (5) 1655.
Sarah Deeringe the daughter of Samuel Deeringe and Mary his wiffe dyed the 7th m°. 4th 1657.
Miriam Aldridg the daughter of Georg Aldridg and Katheren his wiffe dyed the 1 m°. 10th. 1651.

Samuel Speere, the sone of George Speere and Mary his wiffe dyed the 4th mo. 5th. 1654.

Sarah Davis, the daughter of Samuel Davis and Sarah his wiffe dyed the (29) (6) 1658.

John Belcher, the sonne of John Belcher and Sarah his wiffe dyed, the 12 mo the 9th 1658.

Dorothy Downam the daughter of John Downam and Dorothy his wiffe dyed the (18) (1) 1657–58.

Isaac Thayre, the sonne of Thomas Thayre and Hanna his wiffe dyed the (30) (5) 1658.

Martha Twells the daughter of Robert Twells and Martha his wiffe dyed the (17) (1) 58–59.

Mary Kingsly, the daughter of Samuel Kingsley and Hanna his wiffe dyed the (26) (1) 1659.

Rose the wife of John Ffrancis dyed (26) (2) 1659.

Gregory Bacster dyed (21) (4) 1659.

Ruth the wiffe of David Walsbee dyed the 8

John Payne the son of Moses Payne and Elizabeth
dyed

[25] Isaac Niles the son of John Niles & Hanna his wiffe dyed, (30) (11) 1659.

Nathaniel Mott the sone of Nathaniel Mott & Hanna his wife dyed (13) (1) 1660

John Pray the son of John Pray & Joanna his wife dyed 9th mo. 25 1658

William Hayward was drowned the 3d mo. 10th 1659.

Mary Sheffeild the Daughter of Edmond Sheffeild & Mary his wiffe dyed 10th mo. 7th 1660.

Mary Brackett the daughter of Peter Brackett & Prissilla his wife dyed 11th mo. 12, 1660.

Samll. Kingsly, the sone of Saml. Kingsly & Hanna his wiffe dyed 11th. mo. 19, 1660.

More the wiffe of John Moore dyed the 1 mo 26, 1661.

Edmond Quinsy the sonne of Edmond Quinsy & Joanna his wiffe dyed 10th mo. 22, 1661.

Margrett Backster widdow dyed the 12 mo. 13, 1661.

Mistris Joanna Hoar, widdow, dyed 10th mo. 21, 1661.

Cheny the wiffe of John Cheny dyed the 7th. mo. 20, 1661.

Joseph Brackett the sonne of Peter Brackett & Prissilla his wiffe dyed 11th mo. 24, 1661.

Ruth Harman, the daughter of Nathaniel Harman & Mary his wiffe dyed the 1 mo. 5th 1662.

Cornelius Lony servant to Thomas Ffackson senior dyed the 3d mo. 12, 1662.

Thomas Ffackson Junior dyed the 3d mo. 25, 1662, & his wiffe Debora dyed the 31 day of the same month.

Mary Sheffeild, the wiffe of Edmund Sheffeild dyed the 1 mo 30, 1662.

Ffreelove Thayer, the daughter of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wiffe dyed 6th mo. 5th 1662.

Dorathy Downam the wiffe of John Downam dyed the 7th m°. 9th 1662.
Cornelius Darly the sone of Denice Darly & Hanna his wiffe dyed 3 m° 11th 1663.
Thomas Gatlive the Miller dyed the 3d m°. 17th 1663.
Liddia Ffackson the daughter of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed 6th m°. 2, 1663.
John Ffrizell a Scotchman, dyed the 11th m°. 17th 1663.
Rachell Saunders the daughter of John Saunders & Mary his wiffe dyed 12 m°. 16, 1663.
Charles Grise dyed 9th m°. 14th. 1663.
Elizabeth Hardier widow dyed 7th m°. 4th 1664.
Hanna Pray daughter of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe dyed 10th m°. 12, 1664.
Robert Parson, servant to Martin Saunders dyed the 10th. m°. 26, 1665.
James Peniman dyed, the 10th m°. 26, 1664.
Ebenezer Ffackson, son of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed 1 m° 27, 1665.
old Thomas Thayer dyed 4th m°. 2, 1665.
Joseph Scant, son of Will Scant & Sarah his wiffe dyed 10th m°. 12, 1664.
Ruth Poffer, the daughter of James Poffer & Mary his wiffe dyed 11th m°. 29, 1666.
John Bacster son of John Bacster & Anna his wiffe dyed 3 m°. 28 1666
Mary the wiffe of John Randall, dyed, 6th mo. 28, 66, their daughter Mary dyed 7th m°. '66.
Quinton Pray, dyed the 4th m°. 17, 1667.
Shem Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe dyed 4th m° 6th 1667.
Hanna Speere daughter of George Speere and Mary his wiffe dyed 3 m°. 10th. 1668.
Debora Chapin, daughter of Josia Chapin and Mary his wiffe dyed 6 m°. 17th 1668.
John Ffackson, son of Richard Ffackson, & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed 8th m°. 12, 1668.
Mr Henry Fflynt, Teacher of the Church of Christ in Braintree deceased the 2d m°. 27, 1668.
Mr. William Thompson, pastor of the same Church of Christ deceased the 10th m° 10th 1666.
Old Richard Chapman dyed the 6th. mo. 2, 1669.
Samuel Allin dyed the 6th mo. 5th. 1669.
Susan Mills, daughter of John Mills & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed 6th mo 7th 1669
The widow Grise dyed the 7th mo. 13, 1669.
William Savill dyed the 2 mo. 6, 1669.
Samuel Deering dyed 8th m°. 23, 1671.
Elizabeth Winter dyed, the daughter of Timothy Winter 8th mo 13, 1671 & Hester his wife.

Experience Mott the son of Nathaniel Mott & Hannah his wiffe dyed the 10th 24, 1672.
Mary Winter, the daughter of Timothy & Hesther his wife dyed the 10th mo. 2 1672.
Old Ffarr dyed the 11th mo 22 1672.
Deerman Downing, dyed the 11th mo 30, 1672.
Margery Thayre dyed the 12, mo. 11th. 1672.
William Mullings dyed the 12 mo. 12, 1672.
Elizabeth Ffackson daughter of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wiffe dyed 2 mo. 3, 73.
Jonath Saunders, son of Martin Saunders & Lidia his wife dyed the 5th mo. 10th '73.
Ruth Bass, the wiffe of John Bass, dyed the 8th mo. 12, 1674.
Mary Speere the wiffe of George Speere dyed the 10th Mo. 7th 74.
Richard Ffackson dyed the 10th mo. 20, 74.
David Thayre son of Ffarthenando Thayre & Hulda his wife dyed 6th mo. 1, 74.
Sarah Thompson daughter of Samll. Thompson & Sarah his wiffe dyed 10th mo. 2, 74.
Gregory Belcher dyed the 9th mo 25, 74.
John Quinsy son of Edmond Quinsy & Joannah his wife dyed the 8th mo. 14, 74.
Martha Ffisk daughter of Mr. Moses Ffisk & Sarah his wife, dyed 9, mo. 28, 1675.
Nathaniell Mott, kill'd by the Indians feb. 23, 1675.
John Harbour Senior dyed the 4th mo. 1, 75
William Thompson son of Saml. Thompson & Sarah his wiffe dyed 4th mo. 2, 75.
Ruth Belcher, daughter of John Belcher & Sarah his wiffe 4th. 23, 75.
Mistris Ann Thompson dyed the 8th mo. 11th. 75.
Susanna Mills, Aged 80 years dyed the 10th mo. 10th. 75.
Mary Hubbert late wiffe to Caleb Hubbert dyed the 5th mo. 22, 75.
Rachell Neale daughter of Henry Neale & Hannah his wiffe dyed 10th mo. 15, 75.
Richard Chapman son of Richard Chapman & Mary his wiffe was kill'd by Indians 2 mo. 24, 76.
Mary Chapin wife to Josiah Chapin dyed 3 mo. 30, 76
Sarah Hayward daughter of Jonath Hayward and Sarah his wiffe dyed the 5th mo 30, 76, &
Margery Hayward, widow dyed 18 day of the same month.
Annes Thompson, wife to John Thompson dyed 5th mo. 15th. 76.
Samll. Hayward, son Jonath Hayward and Sarah his wiffe dyed the 6th. mo. 4, 76.
The Widow Poffer, dyed the 12 mo. 18, 76 aged.
The widow Harbour, dyed the 3 mo. 6th. 77.
Ebenezer King, dyed the 5th mo. 22, 77.
Joseph Steevins dyed the 4th. mo. 19, 77.
John Aldridg wiffe dyed the 12, mo. 25, 77.
Debora Thayer daughter of Thayer & his wiffe dyed the

[26] BIRTHS.

Bethiah Deering the daughter of Samuel Deering and Bethiah his wiffe was borne the (6) (6) 1649.

Mary Deering the daughter of Samuel Deering and Mary his wiffe was borne the (16) (11) 1652

Hannah Deering the daughter of Samuel Deering and Mary his wiffe was borne the (14) (12) 1654.

Sarah Deering, the daughter of Samuel Deering and Mary his wiffe was borne the (30) (4) 1657.

Elizabeth Ffrancis the daughter of John Ffrancis and Rose his wiffe was borne the (24) (11) 1656.

Abigail Neale, the daughter of Henry Neale and Hannah his wiffe was borne the 12 m°. 14, 1656.

John Aldridg, the sone of George Aldridg and Katheren his wiffe was borne the (2) (2) 1644.

Sarah Aldridg, the daughter of Georg Aldridg, and Katheren his wiffe was borne the (16) (11) 1645.

Peter Aldridg, the sone of Georg Aldridg, and Katheren his wiffe was borne the (14) (2) 1648.

Mercy Aldridg, the daughter of Georg Aldridg and Katheren his wiffe was borne the (17) (4) 1650.

Jacob Aldridg, the son of Georg Aldridg and Katheren his wiffe was borne the (28) (12) 1652.

Mattithiah Aldridg the daughter of George Aldridg and Katheren his wiffe was borne the 5th mo. 10th 1656.

Sarah Speere the daughter of Georg Speere and Mary his wife was borne the 3d mo. 11th. 1647.

Samuel Speere, the son of Georg Speere and Mary his wiffe was borne the (15) (8) 1652.

Hannah Speere the daughter of Georg Speere and Mary his wiffe was borne the (30) (1) 1656

John Pray the sone of John Pray and Johanna his wiffe was borne the 1 mo. 11th. 1658.

Mary Barritt the daughter of Thomas Barritt & Ffrancis his wiffe was borne the (17) (2) 1658.

Jonathan Thayre, the son of Ffarthenando Thayre and Hulda his wiffe was borne, the (18) (1) 1658.

Elizabeth Nucome, the daughter of Ffrancis Nucome and Rachell his wiffe was borne the (26) (6) 1658.

Ruth Quinsy, the daughter of Edmund Quinsy and Joanna his wiffe was borne the (29) (8) 1658.

John Bass, the sonne of John Bass and Ruth his wiffe was borne the (26) (9) 1658.

Martha Twells the daughter of Robert Twells and Martha his wiffe was borne the (17) (10) 1658.

Hannah Parmenter, the daughter of Robert Parmenter and Leah his wiffe was borne the 11th mo. 17, 1658.

John Belcher the sonne of John Belcher and Sarah his wiffe was borne the 11th mo. 1, 1658

[27] John Nucome, the sonne of John Nucome and Ruth his wife was borne the (13) (2) 1659.

John Mott, the sonne of Nathaniel Mott and Hanna his wiffe was borne the (19) (6) 1659.

John Pray, the second son of John Pray & Joanna his wife was borne the 5th mo. 11th. 1659.

Ellen Veasy, the daughter of William Veasy & ellin his wiffe was borne the 4th. mo. 3, 1659

Beniamin Downam the son of John Downam, & Dorathy his wiffe was borne the (14) (8) 1659.

Sarah Ffackson, the daughter of Thomas Ffackson & Debora his wife was borne the (21) (6) 1659.

Daniel Owen, the sone of William Owen & Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (23) (9) 1659.

Ruth Walsbee, the daughter of David Walsbee & Ruth his wiffe was borne the (22) (7) 1659.

Mary Poffer the daughter of James Poffer and Mary his wiffe was borne the 11th. mo. 12, 1659.

Mary Chapman, the daughter of Richard Chapman & mary his wiffe was borne the (23) (2) 1659.

Rachell Deering, the daughter of Samuel Deeringe and Mary his wiffe, borne the (30) (6) 1659.

John Payne the sone of Moses Payne and Elizabeth his wiffe, was borne, the 12, mo. 8th. 1659.

Isaac Niles, the sone of John Niles & Hanna his wiffe was, borne the (2) (2) 1658.

Samuell Ffrench, the sone of John Ffrench & Grace his wiffe was borne the (22) (12) 1659.

Edmund Quinsy the sone of Edmond Quinsy & Joanna his wiffe was borne the 1 mo. 3, 1660.

Moses Payne the sonne of Steevin Payne & Hanna his wiffe was borne the 1 mo. 26, 1660.

John Mills, the sone of John Mills & Elizabeth his wiffe was borne the (13) (2) 1660.

Richard Ellisson the sone of Richard Ellisson, & Thamasin his wiffe borne 2 mo. 7, 1660.

Samuel Bass, the sone of John Bass & Ruth his wiffe was borne 1 mo. 25, 1660.

Debora Tomson, the daughter of Samll. Tomson & Sarah his wiffe was borne 3 mo. 1, 1660.

Sarah Sheffeild, the daughter of Edmond Sheffeild & Mary his wiffe was borne 4th mo. 6, 1660.

Martha Twells the daughter of Robert Twells & Martha his wiffe was borne 4th. mo. 16, 1660.

Sarah Scant, the daughter of William Scant & Sarah his wiffe borne 5th. mo. 9th 1660.

Joseph Neale, the sone of Henry Neale & Hannah his wiffe borne 6th mo. 8th 1660.

Sarah Staples, the daughter of Samll. Staples & Mary his wiffe, borne 5th mo. 10th. 1660.

Josia Ffackson, the sone of Richard Ffaxon & Elizabeth his wife borne 7th mo 8th. 1660.

Ruth Harmon the daughter of Nathaniel harmon & Mary his wiffe borne 1660.

Elizabeth Marsh the daughter of Allexander & his wife born,

[28] Elizabeth Brackett the Daughter of Peter Brackett & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12 mo And dyed the 27 day of the same month

Judith Saunders the daughter John Saunders & Mary his wiffe borne 12, mo. 28, 1662 and dyed the same day.

Cornelius Darly, the son of Denice Darley & Hanna his wife was borne 1 mo. 4th 1663

Joseph Poffer the son of Matthias Poffer & Rachell his wiffe was borne 1 mo. 17, 1663.

John Ruggles the son of John Ruggles & Rebeca his wiffe was borne 2 mo. 2, 1663.

Hesther Harbour, the daughter of John Harbour & Jaell his wiffe was borne 3 mo 9th. 1663.

Hanna Pray the daughter of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe was borne, 1 mo. 21, 1663.

James Poffer the son of James Poffer & Mary his wiffe was borne the 3d mo. 5, 1663.

Mary Sheffeild, the daughter of Edmund Sheffeild & Sarah his wiffe was borne 4th mo. 20, 1663.

John Rockwood, the son of John Rockwood & Joane his wiffe was borne 6th mo. 18, 1663.

Liddia & Hanna Ffackson, the two daughters of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wife was born 7th mo. 1, 1663.

Christopher Webb, the son of Christopher Webb & Hannah his wiffe borne 25 March 1663.

Sarah Stone the daughter of John Stone & Sarah his wife was borne 8th mo. 1 — 1663.

Joseph Aldridg the sone of Joseph Aldridg & patience his wiffe borne 5th mo. 14, 1663.

John Baxter, the son of John Baxter & Anna his wife born 8th mo. 28, 1663.

Mary Thayre, the daughter of Shadrack Thayre & Deliverance his wiffe was borne 10 mo. 4th 63.

Mary Addams the daughter of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne 9th mo. 8th. 1663.

Mary Tomson, the daughter of Joseph Tomson & Mary his wiffe borne 9th mo. 17, 1663.

Hanna Hayward, the daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wiffe born 11th mo. 22, 1663.

Elizabeth Saunders the daughter of Martin Saunders & Liddia his wiffe borne 8th mo. 2, 1663.

Sarah Harris the daughter of Richard Harris & Margritt his wiffe borne 12 mo. 2, 1663.

Rachell Saunders, the daughter of John Saunders & Mary his wiffe borne 12 mo. 4th 1663.

Mary Hubbert, the daughter of Caleb Hubbert & Mary his wiffe born 11th mo. 12, 1663.

Mary Neale, the daughter of Henry Neale & Hanna his wiffe born 1, mo. 11th. 1664.

Debora Chapin, the daughter of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe born 4th mo 16th. 1664.

Hanna Niles the daughter of Joseph Niles & Mary his wiffe born 12, mo. 15, 1663.

Katheren Mash, the daughter of Allexander Mash & Mary his wife borne 10th. mo. 12, 1664.

Mary Mott, the daughter of Nathaniell Mott & Hanna his wiffe borne 10th mo 15th 1664.

Ebenezer Ffackson, the son of Richard Ffackson, & Elizabeth his wiffe born 10th mo. 15, 1664.

Peter Twells, the sone of Robert Twells & Martha his wiffe born 8th mo. 10th 1664.

Margritt Payne the daughter of Moses Payne & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 10th mo. 20, 1664.

Mary Darlin the daughter of John Darlin & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12, mo. 21, 1664.

Ephraim Arnoll, the son of Joseph Arnoll & Rebeca his wife borne 4th mo. 11th. 1664.

Gregory Belcher, the son of Samll. Belcher, & Mary his wiffe borne 12 mo. 28, 1664.

Hanna Belcher the daughter of John Belcher & Sarah his wiffe borne 2 mo. 6, 1664.

John Dassitt, the son of John Dassitt & Hanna his wiffe borne, 2 mo. 3, 1664.

Sarah Cleavery the daughter of John Cleavery & Sarah his wiffe born 12 mo. 22.

Judith Saunders, daughter of John Saunders & Mary his wiffe born & dyed 11th mo. 23.

Hanna Pray, the daughter of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe born 1 mo. 16th 1665.

Martha Quincy, the daughter of Edmond Quincy, & Joanna his wiffe borne 1 mo. 26, 1665.

Nathll. Speere the son of George Speere, & Mary his wiffe borne 3 mo. 15th. 1665

Edward Thomson, the son of Samll. Thomson & Sarah his wife born 2 mo 20 1665.

Samll. Hoyden son of Samll. Hoyden & Hanna his wiffe borne 6 mo 6th. 1665, & dyed the 27 day of the same mo.

Caleb Hubbert son of Caleb Hubbert & Mary his wiffe borne 3 mo. 28, 1665

Ebenezer Thayre son of Thomas Thayre & Hanna his wife borne 7 mo 15, 1665.

Hanna Webb, daughter of Christopher Webb & Hanna his wiffe borne 7th mo 5th 1665.

Hanna Parris, daughter of John Parris & Mary his wiffe born 7 mo. 3, 1665.

Samll. Addams son of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne 7 mo. 3, 1665

John Poffer, son of Matthias Poffer, & Rachell his wiffe born 8 mo. 10, 1665.

Mehetabell Veasy daughter of Will Veasy & Ellin his wiffe born 12 m°. 17, 1665

Edward Mills, son of John Mills & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 4th mo. 7th 1665.

Joseph Bass, son of John Bass & Ruth his wiffe borne 10th m°. 5, 1665

Josia Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne 10th mo. 17, 1665.

Nathaniel Sheffeild, son of Edmond Sheffeild and Sarah his wiffe borne 1 m°. 16, 1665.

Rachell Neale the daughter of Henry Neale & Hanna his wiffe born 12 m°. 1, 1665.

Ephraim Copeland the son of Laurance Copeland & Liddia his wiffe borne 11th. m°. 17, 1665.

James Peniman, son of John Peniman & Hanna his wiffe borne 12, m°. 7th 1665.

Mercie Nucome the daughter of John Nucome & Ruth his wiffe born 2 m°.

Sarah Hayward daughter of Jonath Hayward & Sarah his wiffe born 1, m°. 10th 1665.

Joseph Scant, son of Will. Scant & Sarah his wiffe borne 4th m°. 4th 1662.

Mercie Scant the daughter of Will Scant & Sarah his wiffe borne 8 m°. 27, 1664.

Susan Scant, daughter of Will. Scant & Sarah his wiffe born the 11th m°. 30, 1665.

Joseph Harper son of Joseph Harper & Kithtina his wiffe born 11th m°. 6th. 1665.

Timothy Thayer son of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wiffe 3 m°. 1666.

Richard Ffackson son of Richd. Ffackson & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 4th m°. 21, 1666.

John Harris son of Richard Harris & Margritt his wiffe borne 5th m°. 15, 1666.

Samll. Belcher son of Samll Belcher & Mary his wiffe born 7th m°. 21, 1666.

Joseph Ruggles, son of John Ruggles & Rebeca his wiffe borne 8th m°. 7th 1666.

Susanna Hoydon daughter of Samll Hoydon & Hanna his wiffe borne 7th m° 28, 1666.

John Daly son of John Daly & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 8th. m°. 13, 1666.

Joseph Niles son of Joseph & Mary his wiffe was borne 7th m°. 21, 1666.

Baxter son of John Baxter & Anna his wiffe borne 12 m°. 14, 1666.

& Rachell Poffer daughters of James & Mary his wife borne 11th m° 25, 1666.

Mott, daughter of Nath^{ll}. Mott & Hanna his wife borne 12, m° 5th 1666.

Scott, daughter of Stevin Scott & Sarah his wiffe borne the 7th m° 10th. 1665.

Dassitt the son of John Dassitt & Hanna his wiffe borne the 8th m°. 14, 1666.

Experience Quincy, daughter of Edmond & Joanna his wiffe borne 1 m°. 20, 1667.

Richard Pray, the son of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe borne the 3^{d} m°. 3, 1667.

Hanna Bass, the daughter of John Bass & Ruth his wiffe borne the 4th m°. 22, 1667.

Abigail Walsbee the daughter of David Walsbee & Ruth his wiffe borne 4th m°. 15th 1667.

Payne, daughter of Moses Payne & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 4th mo. 23, 1667.

Thayre son of Shadrack Thayre & Deliverance his wiffe borne 7th. m°. 7th. 1667.

Downing son of John Downing & Sarah his wiffe borne 11th m°. 21, 1666.

Harper son of Joseph Harper & Kithtina his wiffe borne 7th m°. 10th. 1667.

Cleverly son of John Cleverly & Sarah his wiffe borne 8th m°. 8th 1667.

Debora Neale, daughter of Henry Neale & Hanna his wiffe borne 7th m°. 1, 1667.

Abigail Thompson the daughter of Sam^{ll}. Thompson & Sarah his wiffe borne 9th m°. 10th. 1667.

Jonathan Hayward son of Jonath. Hayward & Sarah his wiffe borne 11th m°. 18, 1667.

Joanna Mills daughter of John Mills & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12th m°. 1, 1667.

Benjamin Webb son of Christopher Webb & Hanna his wiffe borne 12th m°. 2, 1667.

John Peniman, son of John Peniman & Hanna his wiffe borne 12th m°. 23, 1667.

Mary Adams Daughter of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne 12th m°. 25th 1667.

Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne 3^{d} m°. 11th. 1667.

Sheffeild daughter of Edmond Sheffeild and Sarah his wiffe borne 4th mo. 23, 1667.

Owen son of William Owen & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 6th m°. 1, 1667.

Scott son of Steevin Scott & Sarah his wiffe borne 5th m°. 14, 1667.

Darly son of Darly & Hanna his wiffe borne 6 m°. 18th & dyed 19, day 1667.

Harris son of Harris & Mary his wiffe, was borne the 2 m°. 26, 1667.

William Belcher son of Sam^{ll}. Belcher & Mary his wiffe was borne 3^{d} m^{o}. 3.

John Ffackson son of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wiffe born 2, m^{o}.

Hayden daughter of John Hayden & Hanna his wiffe borne 1 m^{o}.

Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne the

Harris son of Richard Harris & Margritt his wiffe borne, 2 mo. 26, 1667.

[29] Mary Belcher daughter of Moses Belcher & Mary his wiffe borne 7th m^{o}. 8th. 1668.

Sarah Hayden daughter of Sam^{ll} Hayden & Hanna his wiffe borne the 1. m^{o}, 25, 1668.

Edward Lincford son of Edward Lincford & Hanna his wiffe born 11th m^{o}. 25, 1668.

Sam^{ll}. Mott son of Nathaniell Mott & Hanna his wiffe born the 11th m^{o}. 19, 1668.

Mary Niles daughter of Joseph Niles & Hanna his wiffe borne 11th m^{o}. 8th 1668.

Hanna Copeland daughter of Laurance & Liddia his wiffe borne 12th m^{o}. 25, 1668.

Benjamin Neale, son of Henry Neale and Hanna his wiffe borne the 1 m^{o}. 7th. 68–69.

John Darlin son Denice Darlin & Hanna his wiffe was borne the 7th m^{o}. 1664.

Anna Giles the daughter of James Giles & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 2^{d} m^{o}. 15, 1669.

Sam^{ll}. Pray, son of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe borne 2 m^{o}. 16, 1669.

Mercy Mash, daughter of Allexander Mash & Mary his wife borne 2, m^{o}. 2, 1669.

Joseph Ffackson, son of Richard Ffackson & Elizabeth his wife borne 6th m^{o}. 26, 1669.

Sam^{ll}. Daly son of John Daly & Elizabeth his wiffe was borne 6th m^{o}. 18, 1669.

Mary Cleverly, daughter of John Cleverly & Sarah his wiffe born 7th mo. 6, 1669.

Josia Hayden son of John Hayden & Hanna his wiffe born, 4th mo. 19, 1669.

Ephraim Thayer son of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wiffe born 11th mo. 17, 1669.

Sarah Darlin daughter of Denice Darlin & Hanna his wiffe borne 11th m^{o}. 26, 1669.

William Hayward, son of Jonath Hayward & Sarah his wiffe borne 12th m^{o}. 6, 1669.

Mary Bass, daughter of John Bass & Ruth his wiffe borne 12th m^{o}. 11th 1669.

Mercy Veasy, daughter of William Veasy & Ellin his wiffe borne 11th m^{o}. 20, 1669.

Peter Addams son of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne 12th m^{o}. 7th 1669.

Joseph Penniman son of Joseph Penniman & Waitinge his wiffe borne 11th mo. 20, 1670.

William Needam, son of John Needam & Hanna his wiffe born 2d mo. 8, 1670.

Sarah Thompson daughter of Samll. Thompson & Sarah his wiffe born 2d mo. 28, 1670.

Margritt Hayden daughter of Jonath Hayden & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 3d mo. 11th 1670.

Joseph Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne the 3d mo. 17, 1670.

John Saunders son of John Saunders & Mary his wiffe borne the 7th mo. 1, 1669.

Thomas Baxter son of John Baxter & Anna his wiffe borne the 2d mo. 27, 1670

William Harper son of Joseph Harper & Kiththina his wiffe borne the 10th mo. 9th. 1669.

Samll. Harris son of Richard Harris & Margritt his wiffe borne the 5th mo. 26, 1670.

Mary Webb, daughter of Christopher Webb & Hanna his wiffe borne the 7th mo 6th 1669.

Liddia Payne daughter of Steevin Payne & Hanna his wiffe born the 7th mo. 20th 1670.

Mary Belcher daughter of Samll Belcher & Mary his wiffe borne the 8th mo. 16, 1670.

Cornelius Thayer son of Richard Thayer & Dorathy his wiffe borne the 7th. mo 18, 1670.

Ellin Scott, daughter of Steevin Scott & Sarah his wiffe born the 10th mo. 7th 1670.

Mary Dassitt daughter of John Dassitt & Hanna his wiffe borne 7th mo. 27, 1670.

Abigail Ffackson daughter of Richard Ffackson and Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12th. mo. 6, 1670.

Ruth Neale daughter of Henry Neale & Hannah his wiffe born the 10th mo. 25, 1670.

Sarah Belcher, daughter of Moses Belcher & Mary his wiffe born the 1st mo. 2, 70–71.

Elizabeth Deering the daughter of Samll Deering & Mary his wiffe born the 12, mo. 7th 1670

Samll. Nightengell son of Will. Nightengell & Bethia his wiffe borne the 12, mo. 14, 1670.

Joseph Peniman son of John Peniman & Hanna his wiffe, born the 1 mo. 15, 69–70

Katheren Hayden daughter of Samll. Hayden & Hanna his wiffe born the 1 mo. 10th. 70–71.

Elizabeth Hubbert, daughter of Caleb Hubbert & mary his wiffe borne the 12 mo. 4th. 1666.

Hanna Hubbert daughter of Caleb Hubbert & Mary his wiffe borne the 10th. mo. 10th. 1668

Josia Hubbert, son of Caleb Hubbert & Mary his wiffe borne the 10th. mo. 11th. 1670.

Obadiah Owen, son of William Owen & Elizabeth his wiffe borne the 12, mo. 1, 1670.

Mary Belcher the daughter of John Belcher and Sarah his wiffe borne 10th mo. 26, 1666.

Josia Belcher, the son of John Belcher and Sarah his wiffe borne 4th. mo. 26, 1669.

Elizabeth Mott the daughter of Nathll. Mott & Hannah his wiffe borne 3, mo. 17, 1671.

Elizabeth Winter the daughter of Timothy Winter & Hester his wiffe borne 6th mo. 1, 1671.

Mercy Belcher the daughter of Moses Belcher & Mary his wiffe borne 1, mo. 2, 71–72.

John Lincford the son of Edward Lincford & Hanna his wiffe born 10th mo. 12, 1671.

Joseph Allin the son of Joseph Allin & Rebecca his wiffe born 11th mo. 3d. 1671.

Rebeca Ruggles daughter of John Ruggles & Rebeca his wiffe born 10th mo. 22, 1671.

Hanna Speere, the daughter of George Speere & Mary his wiffe born 7th mo. 6th 1671.

Henry Chapin son of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne 12, mo. 15, 1671.

Jonathan Addams, son of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne 11th mo. 31, 1671.

Jabez Poffer, son of James Poffer & Mary his wiffe borne 12 mo 4th 1671

Joseph Webb, the son of Christopher Webb, & Hannah his wiffe borne 1 mo. 15, 71–72.

Sarah Bass, the daughter of John Bass & Ruth his wiffe born, 1 mo. 29, 1672.

Mary Bass, the daughter of Thomas Bass, & Sarah his wiffe born 2, mo. 20, 1672.

Rebeca Savill the daughter of Benjamin Savill & Liddia his wiffe borne, the 3, mo. 5th 1672.

Huldah Hayward daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wiffe borne, 3d mo. 28, 72.

Samll. Peniman the son of John Peniman & Hannah his wiffe borne 4th mo. 18, 1672.

Richard Copeland, son of Laurance Copeland & Liddia his wiffe borne 5th mo. 15th. 1672, & dyed same day.

Stephen Cleverly son of John Cleverly & Sarah his wiffe borne 6th mo. 5th. 1672.

Hannah Thompson daughter of Samll Thompson & Sarah his wiffe borne 6th mo. 5th 72.

Mary & Martha Winter, daughters of Timothy Winter & Hesther his wiffe borne 6th 26 1672.

Amee Hayden, daughter of Jonath Hayden & Elizabeth his wiffe born 7th mo. 16th

Margritt Daley, daughter of John Daly & Elizabeth his wiffe born the 8th mo. 1672.

Liddia Neale daughter of Henry Neale & Hanna his wiffe borne the 8th mo 10th 1672

Christian Harper, daughter of Joseph Harper & Kithtina his wiffe borne 5th mo. 1

Nathaniell Mash, son of Allexander Mash & Mary his wiffe borne the 8th mo. 17, 1672.

Jonath Saunders, son of Martin Saunders & Liddia his wiffe borne 9th mo. 31, 1672.

Hannah Thayer daughter of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wife born 8th mo 2

Nathaniel Mills son of John Mills & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12, mo. 22, 1672.

John Pray son of John Pray & Joanna his wiffe borne the 12th mo. 10th 1672.

Elizabeth Plumly daughter of Joseph Plumly & Jane his wiffe born the 2th mo. 12th 1672.

Mary Ffisk, daughter to Mr. Moses Ffisk & Sarah his wiffe born August 25th 167

Edward Mott, son of Nathll. Mott, & Hannah his wiffe borne the 3d mo. 11th. 1673.

Susanna Nucome, daughter of Peter Nucome & Susanna his wiffe borne 4th mo. 22.

Hannah Needham daughter of John Needham & Hannah his wiffe borne 6th mo.

Ruth Belcher daughter of John Belcher & Sarah his wiffe borne,

Abigail Copeland daughter of Laurance Copeland & Lidia his wiffe borne,

Abigail Allen daughter of Joseph Allin & Ruth his wiffe borne,

George Witty, son of George Witty & Sarah his wiffe borne,

Abigail Winter daughter of Timothy Winter & Hester his wiffe borne

Rebeca Neale, daughter of Henry Neale & Hannah his wiffe borne,

Mehetabell Addams, daughter of Joseph Addams & Abigail his wiffe borne,

am Chapin son of Josiah Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne

Hannah Hardman daughter of John Hardman & Hannah his wiffe borne,

Belcher son of Moses Belcher & Mary his wiffe borne

Nash son of Francis Nash & Elizabeth his wiffe borne,

[30] Bethia Nucome daughter of John Nucome & Ruth his wiffe borne 11 mo 14, 73.

Rachell Mash, daughter of Allexander Mash & Mary his wiffe borne 12 mo. 2, 73.

Prudence Curtis daughter of Sollomon Curtis & Prudence his wiffe borne 12, mo. 24, 73.

Mary Walsbee, daughter of David Walsbee & his wiffe borne 11th mo. 15, 73.

Sarah Dassitt daughter of John Dassitt & Hannah his wiffe borne 10th mo. 1, 73.

Edward Lincford, son of Edward Lincford & Hanna his wiffe borne 1, mo. 21, 74.

Jonath Peniman son of John Peniman & Hannah his wiffe borne, 2, mo. 5th. 74.

Hannah Savill, daughter of Samll Savill & Hannah his wiffe borne 5th mo. 13th 74.

Abigail Belcher Daughter of Samll Belcher & Mary his wife born 8th mo 24–74.

Patience Belcher Daughter of Joseph Belcher & Rebeca his wife born 10th mo 5, 74.

Benjamin Scott son of Peter Scott & Abigail his wife borne 9th mo. 24, 74.

Sarah Ffisk daughter of Mr. Moses Ffisk & Sarah his wiffe borne 7th. mo. 24, 74.

Samll. Allin son of Joseph Allin & Ruth his wiffe was borne 12 mo. 5th. 74.

Benjamin Niles, son of Joseph Niles & Mary his wiffe borne 11th mo. 2, 74.

John Witty, sone of George Witty & Sarah his wiffe borne 11th mo. 7th. 74.

Elizabeth Peniman daughter of Samll. Peniman & Elizabeth his wiffe born 11th.

Lydia Saunders, daughter of Martin Saunders & Lidia his wiffe borne 12th. mo. 19, 74.

Cornelius Darly son of Denice Darly & Hannah his wiffe borne 1 mo. 23, 75.

Jonath Hayden son of Jonath Hayden & Elizabeth his wiffe born 12, mo. 17, 74.

Martha Ffiske daughter of Mr. Moses Ffiske & Sarah his wiffe borne Novemb: 25, 1675.

John Bass, son of Thomas Bass, & Sarah his wiffe borne the 1 mo. 26, 75.

William & twin sons of Samuel Thompson & Sarah his wiffe borne 1th. mo. 25, 75.

Jonath Hayden son of Jonath hayden & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 12, mo. 17, 74.

Stephen Willis son of Stephen Willis & Hannah his wiffe was borne 12, mo. 14, 74.

Alce Man daughter of John Man & Alce his wiffe borne the 4th mo. 23, 75.

Elizabeth Neale, daughter of Henry Neale & Hannah his wiffe borne 4th mo. 28, 75.

William Thayer, son of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wiffe borne 6th mo. 1, 75.

Hannah Cleverly, daughter of John Cleverly & Sarah his wiffe borne 5th mo. 30, 75.

Rebeca Curtis, daughter of Solomon Curtis & Prudence his wiffe borne 6 mo. 3, 75.

Joseph Brackett, son of James Brackett & Sarah his wiffe borne 9th mo. 5, 75.

William Harris, son of Richard Harris & Margritt his wiffe born 1 mo. 12, 74–75.

Martha Ffisk, daughter of M^{r}. Moses Ffisk, & Sarah his wiffe born 9th mo. 25th. 75.

Ebenezer Mott, son of Nathaniel Mott & Hannah his wiffe borne 10th mo. 7th 75.

Susanna Mills, daughter of John Mills Jun^{or}. & Elizabeth his wiffe borne 8th mo. 23, 75

Abigail Webb, daughter of Christopher Webb, & Hannah his wiffe borne 8th m^{o}. 13, 75.

Hannah Peniman daughter of John Peniman & Hannah his wiffe borne 11th m^{o}. 23, 75

Mary Harper, daughter of Joseph Harper & Kithtina his wiffe borne 10th mo. 19, 74.

Debora Chapin daughter of Josia Chapin & Mary his wiffe borne 12 mo. 13, 75.

William Veasey son of William Veasey & Mary his wiffe borne 10th August, 1674.

Samuell Hayward son of Jonath Hayward and Sarah his wife was borne the 1 mo. 2^{d}. 75–76 Dyed 6th mo. 4th 76

Jacob Aldridg son of Jacob Aldridg and Hulda his wiffe was borne the 3 mo. 7th 76.

John Scott, son of Peter Scott, & Abigail his wiffe was borne 4th m^{o}. 16, 76 the 9th day of the month

Mary Speere daughter of George Speere & Mary his wiffe was borne the 4th mo. 3, 76.

Sam^{ll} Lincford son of Edward Lincford & Hannah his wiffe was borne the 5th mo. 13, 76.

John Plumly, son of Joseph Plumly & Jane his wiffe was borne the 4th m^{o}. 16, 76.

Mehetable Belcher daughter of Moses Belcher & Mary, his wiffe was borne the 7th m^{o}. 12, 76.

James Peniman y^{e}. son of Joseph Peniman & Waiting his wife born ye 16th February 1783.

Moses Peniman son of Joseph Peniman & Waiting his wife born March 15, 1676.

Joseph Baxter, son of John Baxter & Hannah his wife was born the 4th m^{o}. 4th 76

Sam^{ll} Peniman son of Samuell Peniman & Elizabeth his wife was born the 1 mo. 15 75–76.

Benjamin Hubbert son of Caleb Hubbert & Elizabeth his wife born the 2, mo. 13th 77.

Margritt Darly, daughter of John Darly, & Elizabeth, his wife was born 1 mo 30=77

Abigail Twells, daughter of Robert Twells & Martha his wiffe was borne the 5th m^{o} 28, 77.

Lidia Chapin daughter of Josia Chapin & Liddia his wiffe was borne the 7th mo. 29, 77

Sam^{ll}. Hayden son of Jonathan Hayden & Elizabeth his wiffe was born the 4th. mo. 19, 77.

Joseph Aldridg son of John Aldridg & Sarah his wiffe was born the 7th mo. 25, 77.

Anna Ffisk, daughter of Mr. Moses Ffisk, & Sarah his wife was borne the 6th mo. 17, 77.

Sarah Aldridg, daughter of Joseph Aldridg & Patience his wife was born the 8th mo. 29, 77.

Sarah Hayward, daughter of Samll. Hayward & Sarah his wife was born the 8 mo. 29, 77.

Hannah Darly, daughter of Denice Darly & Hanna his wife was borne the 4th mo. 14, 77

[31] Elizabeth Nash, daughter of Ffrancis Nash & Elizabeth his wife was borne 9th mo. 9th 77.

Tryall Steevins daughter of Joseph Steevins & Sarah his wiffe was borne the 10th mo 16, 77.

Jacob Aldridg, son of John Aldridg & Sarah his wiffe was, borne the 10th mo. 27, 77.

Hannah Savill, daughter of Benjamin Savill & Liddia his wiffe was borne the 9th. mo. 7th. 75.

Sarah Ruggles, daughter of John Ruggles & Rebeca his wife was borne 12th mo. 21, 77.

Samuell Peniman son of Samuell Peniman & Elizabeth his wife was born 9th mo. 5th 77.

John Peniman son of John Peniman & Hannah his wiffe was borne the 11th. mo. 5th. 77.

Ebenezer King son of Ebenezer King & Mary his wiffe was borne, the 6th mo. 23, 77.

Abigail Curtis, Daughter of Solomon Curtis & Prudence his wiffe was borne 1, mo. 23, 77–78.

Mehetabell Fisher daughter of Samll. Fisher & Melatia his wiffe was borne, the 1 mo. 14 77–78.

Elizabeth Belcher, daugh. of Samll. Belcher & mary his wiffe was born the 4th. mo. 22, 77.

CHRISTOPHER WEBB, CLERKE May 13th. 1673.

Steeven ye son of Eleazer Ezgate & Joice his wife was borne ye latter end of November, 1677.

Sarah Crosbey, ye daughter of Joseph Crosbey & Sarah Crosbey his wife was borne 29th Octobr. 1677.

Peter ye son of Peter Newcomb, & Susanna his wife, was born the fifth of May, 1678.

Joseph Plumly, ye son of Joseph Plumly & Jane his wife was borne the 31, of March, 1678.

Eliezer the son of George Speere & Mary his wife was born the 24 of July 1678.

Ephraim Linsford the son of Edward Linsford and Hannah, his wife was born the 9th September 1678.

John Nile, the son of Increase, Nile & Mary his wife was borne ye 10th October 1678.

Nathan the son of Joseph Clark and Damaris his wife was borne the 10th October 1678.

Nathan the son of James Brackett and Sarah his wife was borne 23d. September 1678.

Anne the daughter of M^{r}. Moses Ffiske & Sarah his wife was borne 29th Octo^{br}. 1678.

Elizabeth the daughter of Josiah Brackett & Elizabeth his wife was borne 16th February 1678.

Josiah the son of Samuell Penniman & Elizabeth his wife was borne ye 21st. Novemb^{r}. 1678.

Ruth, the daughter of Samuell Irons & Sarah his wife was borne the 16th. November 1678.

Mehetabell the daughter of Thomas Bass & Sarah his wife was borne 18th September 1678.

Abigaill the daughter of Samuell Savell & Hannah his wife was borne ye 14th. of February 1678.

Abigaill the daughter of Samuel Neale & Abigaill his wife was borne the 17th. of February 1678.

John the son of Alexander Marsh & Mary his wife was borne ye 17th February 1678.

Moses the son of Theophilus Curtis & Hannah his wife was born November 25th. 1678

Joseph Parmenter the son of Joseph Parmenter & Mary his wife was borne the 23^{d}. of Aprill 1679.

Joanna daughter of Nathaniell Wales & Joanna his wife was born the 18th aprill 1679.

[32] Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Belshar & Mary his wife was born Aprill 25th. 1679.

Margarett the daughter of Jno. Lambe, & Mary his wife born the 26th February 1678.

Silence Daughter of Samuel Belshar & Mary his wife borne the 24th June 1679.

Caleb the son of Eleazer Ezgate, & Joice his wife was born 1679.

Abinezer, the son of Abinezer Hoidon & Hannah his wife born the 13th. Aprill 1679.

Deborah, the daughter of Samuel Bass, & Rebecka his wife was born October 5th 1679.

Jno. the son of Jno. Savell & Mehetabell his wife was born the 28th. October 1679.

Ellin the daughter of Mr. Benjamin Thompson & Susanna his wife borne 28th November 1679.

the daughter of Jno. Hardine & Hannah his wife was borne the 3^{d}. of December, 1679.

Sarah the daughter of Jonathan Heiward & Sarah his wife born the 12th December 1679.

Margarett daughter of Valentine Decrow & Martha his wife born the 10th. of Janu^{y} 1679.

Abigaill daughter of Jno. Heiford and Abigail his wife was born Janu^{y} 26th. 1679.

Elizabeth, the daughter of M^{r}. Moses Ffiske & Sarah his wife borne the 7th of February 1679.

Sarah the daughter of Nathaniel Wales, & Joanna his wife borne the 11th. March 16 $\frac{80}{81}$

Nehemiah the son of Nehemiah Hoiden and Hannah his wife was born May 16th. 1680.

Moses the son of Joseph Peniman & Waitinge his wife borne February the 14th. 1677.

Deborah the daughter of Joseph Peniman & Waitinge his wife borne February 27th. 1679.

Benjamin the son of Joseph Allen & Ruth his wife borne the 31st. of October 1679.

Mary the daughter of Joseph Parmenter & Mary his wife was born May the 27th. 1680

Joanna the daughter of Henry Neale and Hannah his wife born 27th May, 1680.

Sarah ye daughter of Samuel Tompson & Sarah his wife borne ye first of Januy 1679.

Rebekah, the daughter of Richard Thayer, & Rebekah his wife born the 16th of August, 1680.

Joseph the son of Joseph Clark & Damaris his wife was born the 10th of Octobr. 1680.

Peter the son of Peter Scott & Abigail his wife was born the 20th. of September 1680.

Sarah the daughter of James Brackett & Sarah his wife born ye 22 Octobr. 1680.

Hannah ye daughter of Edward Linsford & Hannah his wife was born Januy ye 9 1680

David son of Josiah Chapin & Lydia his wife borne November 9th 1680.

[33] Thomas son of Thomas Thayer & Abigail his wife borne Januy. 14th. 1680

William the son of William Savell & Deborah his wife borne Feby 19, 1680

Increase the son of Increase Niles & Mary his wife borne March 9th. 1680.

Solomon the son of Solomon Curtis and Prudence his wife born March 20th. 16 $\frac{80}{81}$

Hannah the daughter of Nehemiah Hoidon & Hannah his wife born July 16, 1681

Bethia daughter of Samuel Savell & Hannah his wife borne October 17th 1681.

Jno. son of Solomon Veasy & Elizabeth his wife born November 12th. 1681.

Ruth daughter of Abinezer Hoiden & Hannah his wife born November 19th. 1681

Katherine daughter of Moses Belshar & Mary his wife born November 23d 1681.

Thomas son of Ffrancis Nash & Elizabeth his wife born April last, 1681

Sarah daughter of Theophilus Curtis & Hannah his wife borne Feby yt 1681

Samuel son of Samuel Bass & Rebekah his wife born, December 8th. 1681

Samuel son of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife was born the 11th of April 1682.

Samuel Son of Samuel Bronson borne November 17th. 1680.

Thomas son of Thomas Thayer & Abigail his wife born Janu^{y} 14th 1680.

Sarah the daughter of Beniamin Savill & Rebeckah his borne November 1680

Willm. son of Will'm Savell & Deborah his wife born Feby. 9, 1680

Hannah daughter of Nehemiah Hoidon & Hannah his wife borne July 18th. 1681.

Increase son of Increase Nile born March 9th. 16$\frac{80}{81}$

Solomon the son of Solomon Curtis & Prudence his wife borne March 20th. 16$\frac{80}{81}$.

Mary daughter of Robert Field & Mary his wife born August 30th. 1681.

Bathia, the daughter of Samuell Savell & Hannah his wife borne Octob^{r}. 17th. 1681.

Edmond, son of Edmond Quincy and his wife, borne October 14th. 1681.

Samuel the son of Samuell Neale & Abigaill his wife born September 5th. 1681.

Rebeckah, daughter of Joseph Allen & Rebeckah his wife borne Decemb^{r}. 9th. 1681.

Lidia daughter Samuel Paine & Mary his wife borne Janu^{y} 6th. 1681.

John the son of John Herford & Abigail his wife borne Feby 23^{d}. 1681.

John the son of John Webb & Bethia his wife borne March 9th. 16$\frac{81}{82}$

Hannah daughter of Samuel Nile & Mary his wife borne 1682.

Richard son of Willm Horsey & Mary his wife borne May 6th 1682

William son of Thomas Thayer & Abigaill his wife born August 15th. 1682.

Mary daughter of James Brackett & Sarah his wife born August 30th. 1682.

[34] Liddia Saunders, the daughter of Martin Saunders & Liddia his wife dyed the 6 m^{o} 25, 77.

Hannah Thayer daughter of Shadrack Thayer & Deliverance his wife dyed the 12 m^{o}. 5th 77.

Christopher Webb Clarke May 18th. 1678.

Steven the son of Eleazer Ezgato & Joice his wife died y^{e} begining Decemb^{r}. 1677.

Mary the wife of Joseph Bass, died 15 march, 167$\frac{7}{8}$

John Mills sen^{r}. Died y^{e} 5th. of July 1678.

Mary the wife of George Speere Died the 1, august 1678.

Eliezer the son of George Speere & Mary his wife dyed y^{e} 24th July 1678.

David Thayer, the son of Ffadanando Thayer & Huldah his wife Died 29th. August 1678.

Sidrack Thayer Died 19th. October 1678.

Anna Ffiske Daughter of Mr. Moses Ffiske & Sarah his wife died the ninth of June 1678.

Josiah the son of Samuel Peniman & Elizabeth his wife died the 29th. November 1678.
Sarah the wife of Thomas Bass, died 24, December 1678.
Rachell the daughter of Peter Newcomb & Susanna his wife died ye 5th. of February 1678.
Mehetabell the daughter of Thomas Bass, & Sarah his wife died ye 24th. of January 1678.
the son of Mathias Puffer & his wife died the 24th march 167$\frac{8}{9}$
Joanna daughter of Nathaniel Wales, & Joanna his wife dyed the 25th. of April 1679.
Samuell Belshar died the 17th. June 1679.
Joseph Permenter son of Joseph Permenter & Mary his wife, died July 12th. 1679.
Caleb the son of Eleazer Ezgate & Joice his wife died the 18th November, 1679.
Elizabeth the wife of Barnabas Dorifall died the 16th of September 1679
Hannah the wife of John Peniman died the 9th of February 1678.
James the son of Jno Peniman & Hannah his wife died March 1678
Hannah the daughter of Jno Peniman & Hannah his wife died March, 1678.
Katherine Marsh, daughter of Alexander Marsh and Mary his wife died the 29 of Januy. 1679.
Mrs Judith Reiner died the 5th of March 167$\frac{8}{9}$0
Moses Peniman the son of Joseph Peniman & Waiting his wife was born the 14th. of Feby 1677.
Deborah the Daughter of Joseph Peniman & Waiting his wife was born the 27th of Feby 1679.
Mrs Joanna Quinsey the wife of Lieut. Edmond Quinsey died the 16th. of May 1680.
Martha Neale, the daughter of Henery Neale & Martha his wife died Januy 25, 1679.
Sarah the wife of Samuell Thompson died the 15th of Januy 1679.
Samll. Arnoll died Januy 27th. 1680.
Samll. Walsbee died March, 1679.
Margery Thayer the wife of Thomas Thayer died 13 of the 12 month 1672
Old Thomas Thayer Died 4 of 2d month 1665.
his son Shadrack died 19 Oct. 1678
Thomas Ffaxon, died November 23d. 1680
Barnabas, Dorifield died Feby 2d. 1680.
Grace the wife of Jno. French died Feby last, 1680.
Jno. son of Samuell Savill & Hannah his wife died ye April 9 1681.
William Veasy died June 16, 1681.
Samuel son of Samuel Neale died November 22d. 1681.
Mary daughter of Robert field died September 13th. 1681
& Mary his wife
John son of John Webb, & Bithia his wife died June 9th 1682.

Katherine daughter of Moses Belcher & Mary his wife died August 13, 1682.

Humility Webb, widow dyed, November, 1687 aged 99.

Jonathan Hayward, his cart being laden wth wood oversetting pinched his body against a tree whereof after a day or two hee dyed, Anno, 89

Christopher Webb dyed of the small pox March 1689–90

Hanah the wife of John Hayden, and a servant girl died of the small pox the 3^{d}. of July 1690.

Steven Paine a devout Christian a cunning Artificer, and ingenuous, to admiration died in the Flower of his age of the small pox May 24, 1690.

Samuel Payne the son of Stephen Payne and Elin his wife died the 13, of February, 1688.

Soone after of the same disease died Joseph Tompson and William Tompson died the 2^{d}. July both whose bodies lie buried at Boston, June 1690.

SAMUEL TOMPSON CLERIK 1690
a Record of Deaths.

Captayne Richard Brackett died upon the 3^{d} of March 1690 aged 80

Aliss Brackett wife of Capt Richard Brackett died the 3^{d} of November 1690, aged 76

John Gravs who wrought at the iron works, died in the year 1690.

Upon the 9th. day of Agust ther went out a fleet Souldiers to Canadee in the year 1690, and the small pox was abord and they died, sixe of it; four thrown overbord at Cap an, Corporall John Parmtr, Isaak Thayr, Ephraim Copeland and Ebenezer Owin, Thes and Samuell Bas, and John Cheny was thrown overbord at Nantaskett.

Serjant Thomas Faxon died of the small pox and was buried at Waymoth.

[36] John Harber, son of the widow harber who received a wound by a bulet in an ingagement at the estward lay lame several weeks of his wound afterwards took the smal pox and died the 4th of February 1690, at Brantree.

Joseph Peniman son of Joseph Paniman sickned and died of a fever soon after he came from Canadee he being one of the souldiers: upon 22 of January 16$\frac{90}{91}$.

Deborah Shefeild died upon the 18 of January 16$\frac{90}{91}$.

Waiting Peniman the wife of Joseph Peniman died the 21 of August 1690

Mrs. Reed a captiv taken at cascoh Bay and carried to Cannadee was Redeemed and came to Brantree and died 16 of May 1691.

Jonathan Feild the son of Robert Feild and Mary his wife died the 6th. of May 1691.

David Feild, the son of Robert Feild and Mary his wife died the 18 day of May 1691.

Corporal Moses Belsher died the 5th. day of July 1691.

Serjant Stephen Paine died the 29 day of July 1691.
Samuel Irons died the 25th. of September 1691
Mary Stevens widow to Robert Stevens died the 22 of January 16$\frac{91}{92}$ being about 90 years old.
Rachill French the wife of William French died upon the 14 of February 1691–92.
William French the husband of Rachill French died the 22 of February 16$\frac{91}{92}$.

[37] Deaths:

Stephen Cleverly son of John Cleverly died upon 10 of March 169$\frac{1}{2}$
Peter Niles son of Joseph Niles and Mary his wife died upon 16 of March 169$\frac{1}{2}$.
Henry Neale senior died the 16th of October 1688.
he was searjant.
Samuel Chapin Master of a small vesell coming from Mevis was drowned upon the 19 of Aprill 1692.
Francis Nucom who was acounted an hundred years old died upon the 27th. day of May 1692.
Samuell Belcher the son of Samuell Belcher and Comfort his wife died the 4th. of June 1692.
Ruth Fiske the daughter of Mr. Moses Fiske and Sarah his wife died upon the 5th. of June 1692.
James Puferr aged about 68 died upon the 25th day of July 1692.
Deborah Savill the wife of Wiliam Savill died upon the 27th. day of July 1692.
John French senior aged about 80 years died upon the 6th of Agùst, 1692.
Thomas Thayr aged neer seventy Died upon the 9th day of Agust 1692.
Abigail Adams the wife of Joseph adams senior died upon the 27th day of Agust 1692 aged 58 years.
A child of Lambert Despard died upon the 24, of Agust 1692 whose name was Ann Desperd
John Staples of Manaticutt died upon the 30 day of agust 1692.
Sarah Scant, died upon the 20th day of October 1692.

[38] Deaths.

Mrs Sarah Fiske the wife of Mr. Moses Fiske died upon the 2nd day of December 1692.
Thomas Baxter son of John Baxter and hanah his wife died upon the 7th. of January 1692^{93}.
James Puffer, son of James Puffer by Mary his wife died upon the 17th. day of November, 1692.
John Mills the son of John Mills Junior and Hanah his wife died upon the 8th. of Aprill 1693.
Mr. Nathaniell Shove son to the Reverend Mr Georg Shove of Tanton died upon the 20th. day of Aprill 1693.
Mrs Sarah Shove the daughter of the sayd Mr. Georg Shove died upon the 13th day of May, 1693.

Marah, the daughter of Beniamin Savill and Lidiah his wife died upon the 29 day of May 1693.

Dorathy Yearly, the wife of John Yearly died on board a ship upon the 5th. day of July 1693.

Mrs. Susanah Tompson the wife of Mr. Beniamin Tompson died upon the 27th. day of July 1693.

Zachariah Thayr died upon the 29 day of July 1693.

Peter Scott, died upon the 11th day of Agust 1693.

Rebecah Arnall the wife of Joseph Arnall died upon the 14 of Agust 1693.

Sarah Irons, the wife of Samuel Irons died upon the 22d day of Agust, 1693.

John Tower died August 30th. 1693.

Mrs Ann Bas, the wife of Decon Samuel Bass, died the 5th of September 1693, aged 93.

[39] Deaths

Incres Niles died the 1st. of September 1693.

William Nightingall the son of William Nightingall and Rebecah his wife died upon the 17th. day of October 1692.

Elizabeth Belshar, the daughter of Gregory Belshar and Elizabeth his wife died upon 30th. day of December, 1693.

Old John Niles aged about 91 died upon the 8th. day of February $1\frac{4}{693}$

Mary Adams the wife of Joseph Adams Junior died upon the 14 of June 1687.

Joise Ezgate the wife of Eleazer Ezgate died upon the 22d. of May 1694.

Ensign Christopher Webb, sometimes the keeper of this book died upon the 30th. day of May 1694 aged 64.

William Dimblebee died upon the 11th. of June 1694.

Mary Witty the daughter of George Witty died upon the 8th of September 1694.

Hanah Web, the daughter of Peter Web and Ruth his wife died upon the 17th. day of May 1693.

Mrs Sarah Cleverly the wife of Lieutenant John Cleverly, died upon the 25th day of October 1694.

Nicolas Durant died upon the 3d of November 1694.

Elizabeth Hayden the wife of John Hayden Junior died upon the 7th. of November 1694.

[40] Deaths.

Joseph Adams Senior aged about 68 years died upon the 6th. of December 1694.

Decon Samuel Bass, aged 94 departed this life, upon the 30th day of December, 1694, who had bin a Decon of the Church of Braintree for the space of above 50 years and the first Decon of that Church, and was the father and grand father and great grand father of a hundred and sixty and two children before he died, the youngest whereof was Beniamin Bas, the son of Joseph Bas and mary his wife born seven days before his Death

Patience Rawson the daughter of Mr William Rawson and Anne

his wife was born upon the 8th. of November 1694 and departed this life upon the fourteenth of the same November, 1694.

John Mills senior the son of Old John Mils who was somtims the keeper of this book departed this life upon the 27th day of Febuary 169$\frac{5}{4}$ aged 62

Jane Curtis the mother of Theophilus Curtis departed this life upon the 10th. day of April 1694.

Mrs. Margaret Bradford widow and Relict of Mr. Moses Bradford of Boston aged about ninety two years ; deceased : 12th of March 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

[41] Lievt. Robert Tweld died March 2d. 1697, aged about.

Samuel Tompson and Sarah Shepard were married upon the 25th. of Aprill 1656 by Mr. Brown of Watertown.

Samuel Thompson senior who is aged the 16th of February 1690, 60 years Recorded his Children which he had by Sarah his wife and are here as followeth.

Samuel Tomson junior was born the 6th. November 1662.

Edward Tomson, was born the 20th of Aprill 1665.

Abigail Tomson was born the 10th of November 1667.

Patience ye daughter of John Sanders & Hannah his wife was born ye 7th. day of August 1689

Hanah Tompson was born the 6th. of Agust 1672.

Mary ye daughter of James Brackett & Sarah his wife was born ye last day of August 1672.

Sarah Tompson, was born the 1st. of January 1679.

Daniel Sanders son of John Sanders and Hannah his wife was born ye 12th day of January 1686

Sarah Tomson the wife of Samuell Tomson died upon the 15th. of January 1689.

Elizabeth biling the daughter of Joseph Billing and Hanah, his wife was born the 13 of July 1691.

Hanah Biling the daughter of Joseph Billing and Hanah his wife was born 23d. day of March 169$\frac{3}{2}$.

Joseph Billing the son of Joseph Billings and Hanah his wife was borne May 17th. 1695.

Deborah the daughter of James Brackett & Sarah his wife was borne ye. 15 August 1685

Anne ye daughter of James Brackett & Sarah his wife was born ye 18 July 1687.

[42] Benjamin the son of Joseph Permenter & Mary his wife borne September 9th. 1682.

Steven son of Steven & Ellin Paine borne November 7th. 1682.

Benjamin Tompson, son of Mr. Benjamin Tompson & Susanna his wife born November 7th 1682, borne both in ye same house.

Mary daughter of Joseph Adams & Mary his wife borne Feby 6th 168$\frac{2}{3}$.

Margarett, daughter to Edward Linsford & Hannah his wife born Feby 6th 168$\frac{2}{3}$

Amos, son of William Savell & Deborah his wife born Feby. 24, 168$\frac{2}{3}$

Hannah daughter of Samuell Peniman & Elizabeth his wife borne Feby. 12th. 168^{2}

John son of John Hardin and Hannah his wife was borne the first of June 1681.

Lidea daughter to John Hardin and Hannah his wife was born the 22^{d}. of 12th month 1684.

Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Speere and Rachell his wife born June 27th. 1680.

Mary daughter of Ebenezer Speere and Rachell his wife born June 10th 1682.

Allexander son of Joseph Plumley & Jane his wife June 28th. 1682.

Sam^{ll}. son of Sollomon Veasy & Elizabeth his wife borne September 10th. 1682.

Beniamin son of Richard Thayer and Rebekah his wife born October 4th. 1683.

Hannah daughter of Jn° Lamb, & Mary his wife borne October 19th. 1683.

Joanna daughter of Nath. Wales & Joanna his wife borne December 19th. 1683.

Margaret daughter of Ffrancis Nash and Elizabeth his wife born March 8th. 168$\frac{3}{4}$

Mary daughter of Dependence Ffrench & Mary his wife borne March 30th. 1684.

Sam^{ll}. son of Ebenezer Speere and Rachell his wife born May 18th. not paid 1684.

Anna daughter of Moses Belshar and Mary his wife borne May 21th. 1684.

Bathia daughter of Sam^{ll} Niell & Mary his wife borne 1684.

Jonathan son of Jonathan Padlfoot and & Hannah his wife borne march 15th. 1679.

Abigaill daughter of Joseph Addams and Mary his wife borne Feby. 17, 1684.

William son of Jn°. Bowditch and Temperance his wife born Jany 20th. 1683

Hannah daughter of John Addams and Hannah his wife born June 24th. 1685.

Abigaill daughter of Peter Scott and Abigaill his wife born October 1st. 1685.

Edward son of Jn°. Heiford & Abigaill his wife born May 22^{d}. 1685.

Peter son of Peter Webb & Ruth his wife born December 25th. 1685.

Richard son of Richard Thayer & Rebekah his wife born Janu^{y} 26, 1665.

Sollomon son of Sollomon Veasey and Elizabeth his wife born Feby 17, 168$\frac{5}{6}$

Jonathan son of Sam^{ll} Peneman and Elizabeth his wife born Feb. 17, 168$\frac{5}{6}$

Jonathan son of Peter Newcomb & his wife was born March 1st. 168$\frac{5}{6}$

Nathaniel y^e son of Nathaniel Owen and Mary his wife was born 21 November, 1783, [1683.]

[43] Edward son of Jno. Heiford and Abigaill his wife borne May 22^d 1685.

Hannah daughter of Nath. Thayer and Hannah his wife born Feb. 17th. 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

Margarett daughter of Theophilus Curtis & Hannah his wife born Feb. 22^d. 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

Beniamin son of Nehemiah Heiden & Hannah his wife born Feb. 22^d. 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

Richard Ffaxon son of Thomas Ffaxon, & Mary his wife borne September 4th 1686.

John Copeland son of John Copeland & Ruth his wife born September, Anno 1683.

Samuel Copeland son of John Copeland & Ruth his wife borne 20th of September 1686.

Richard Ffaxon son of Thomas Ffaxon and Mary his wife was born Septr 4th. 1686.

Ruth Web, the daughter of Peter Web, by Ruth his wife was borne upon the 7th. of May 1684.

Christopher Web the of Peter Web and Ruth his wife was born the 30th day of December 1689.

Hanah Web, the daughter of Peter Web, and Ruth his wife was born upon the 14th of March 1692.

John Web the son of Peter Web, and Ruth his wife was born upon 10th day of March 1663.

The second Hanah Web, the daughter of Peter Web & Ruth his wife was born upon the 8th day of September 1694.

William Dier son of John Dier and Sarah his wife was borne the first of May Anno 1683.

lapsed in former Records, entred at his fathers request by B. T. Cler. Brantr

Births.

John Lamb, the son of John Lamb, and Mary his wife was born upon the 5th of November 1677

Mary Lamb the daughter of John Lamb, and Mary his wife was borne 15th. of October 1680.

Grace Lamb, the daughter of John Lamb, and Mary his wife was borne upon the 15 of October 1680.

Samuel Lamb, the son of John Lamb and Mary his wife was borne upon the 17 of February 1686.

John Payn the son of John Payne and Deborah his wife was Born upon the 13 of Agust 1690.

Deborah Payn the daughter of John Payn and Deborah his wife born upon the 28 day of September 1692.

Stephen payne the son of John Payn and Deborah his wife was born upon the 19 day of January 169$\frac{4}{3}$

Ebenezer Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was borne upon the 3^d. day of May in the year 1692.

Hanah Thayer the daughter of Ebenezer Thayr and Ruth his wife was born upon the 15th. of October, 1693.

Josiah Owin the son of Ebenezer Owen and Hanah his wife was born upon the 15th day of May 1687.

[45] Sarah Savil daughter of Benjamin Savil by Lydia his wife was borne 10, 9th. 1687.

John Web, son of John Web, by Bethiah his wife borne 21; August 1687.

David Web, son of Peter Webb, by Ruth Webb, his wife 27–9th–1687

John Savil Joyner died 19–9–1687–1687.

Rebecka Web daughter of Samuel Web, by Mary his wife was borne the 25; of 7th. 1687

Anah Tompson Daughter of Samll. Tompson Junir & borne the 22; of 9: 1687 of Anna his wife

Christopher Web, Junr. married to Mary Basse 24, 3d. 1686

Hanna Web daughter of Christopher Web and Mary his wife and Mary his wife born 16 of December, 1686

John Adams son of John Adams and Hannah his wife was borne 28: of 7th. 1687.

Jonathan Mills son of Jonathan and Mary his wife borne 27: of March: 1687.

Mary Bowditch: daughter of John Bowditch by Temperance his wife was borne 17 of Ffebr. 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Hannah Parmenter daughter of Joseph Parmenter By mary his wife, was borne in September 1687.

John Alline son of Joseph Allin by Rebecka his wife was borne July the 8th. 1686.

John Thayer son of John Thayer by Mary his wife was borne ye. 30th June: 1686:

Lydia wife of Lawrence Copeland died January the 8 168$\frac{7}{8}$

Sarah Spencer daughter of Samuel and Sarah Spencer born Anno 1686, August.

Joseph son of John Tower & Sarah his wife was borne ye. 27 February 168$\frac{5}{6}$.

Mary ye daughter of John Tower & Sarah his wife was born the 26th. April 1690.

[46] Katharine Belchar Daughter of Moses Belchar by Mary his wife was borne 5th. July 1686

John Thayer son of Richard Thayer by Rebecka his wife born January 12th. 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Samuel Fiske son of Mr. Moses Fiske by Mrs Sarah Fiske was borne 19th 12th 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Peter Hardin son of John Hardin by Hannah his wife borne 29: May 1687.

Rebeckar Webb daughter of Samuel Webbe by Mary Webbe his wife was buried 25 March 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Mary Neale daughter of Samuel Neale by Abigail his wife was borne 22d of January Anno Dom. 1687.

Abigail Neale, wife of Samuel Neale died the 24th. day of march Anno Dom. 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

John Ffrench son of John Ffrench Junior by Experience his wife was borne September 20th. 1686.

Anna Ffrench daughter of John Ffrench by Experience his wife was borne 15th. of January Anno Dom: 168$\frac{7}{8}$

Mary Faxon Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Mary his his wife was born January the 12, 1687, 8, as by acct to me &c.

John Basse, son of John Basse, the son of John Basse and Abigail his wife was borne 8th. June 1688

Samuel French son of Samuel French and Hannah his wife was borne 13, 7th. 1688.

Mary Allin daugh. of Joseph and Rebecka his wife was borne, March 168$\frac{7}{8}$, since I heard it was 13 April, 88.

Bethia Nightingal died 24 September:

Benjamin borne same day, and Christened 21, 9th Month: 21 day.

Joseph Savel son of William Savell by Deborah his wife was borne upon the third day of March 168$\frac{6}{7}$

Henry Neale senr. died 16, October 1688

Henry Thayer, son of John Thayer and Mary his wife was borne the first day of August Anno Dom. 1688.

Henry Thayer abovesd died March 2d. 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

[47] Deborah Savel daughter of William Savel by Deborah his wife was borne 6th. of October, 1684.

Sarah Hayward daughter of Jonathan and Sarah Hayward, was borne the 17th day of December Anno Dom. 1688.

Moses the son of Samuel Belcher and Mary his wife was born the 4th August 1672.

Joseph Adams son of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife borne January 4th. 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Samuel Arnold, son of Ephraim and Mary Arnold borne January 7th 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Samuel Curtis son of Theophilus Curtis and Hannah his wife borne about 5th December 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Joseph Scott, son of Peter Scott and Abigail his wife was borne 28th December Anno Domi 1688.

Thomas Crosbey and Simon Crosbey Twins sons of Joseph Crosbey and Sarah his wife were borne 16th. of January 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

James Cock son of Clement Cock and Elizabeth his wife was borne 26 of April 1687

Elizabeth Cock daughter of Clement Cock, and Elizabeth his wife was borne Octobr. 28th. 1688.

Sarah Web, daughter of Christopher Web, and Mary his wife was borne 10th: of ye 10th. month 1688.

Sarah Savil daughter of William and Deborah Savil was borne 10th. April, 1689. Died 15th.

Samuel Fiske son of Mr Moses and Mrs Sarah Fiske was borne 5 April 1689

William Copeland and Ruth twins being the issue of John Copeland by Ruth his wife was borne April 5th. 1689

[48] John French son of Dependance French and Rebecka his wife was borne 10th. March 168$\frac{8}{9}$.

Sara Tompson daughter of Benjamin Tompson and susannah his wife born July: 23d. 89

Eleazer Veazy son of Solomon Veazy & Elizabeth his wife born 22, August 1689.

Abigail Hardin daughter of John and Anna Hardin borne the 20th. of May 1689.

Susanna Mosset, daughter of Thomas and Katherine Mosset 15 September 89.

Mary Neale daughter of Joseph and Mary Neale born 14th. September 1689.

Thomas Wales was borne the 6th of October being the son of Nathaniel Wales and Joanna his wife.

John Ffrench son of Dependance French and Rebecka his wife borne 10th March 89

Elizabeth Newcomb daughter of John Newcomb and Elizabeth his wife was borne 7th. 11th. 1689.

Ebenezer Newcomb, son of John Newcomb, and Elizabeth his wife died by a burne wth. gunpowder 30th January 1689.

Thomas Wales son of Nathaniel Wales and and Joanna his wife died 22 Febr. 1689.

Samuel Webb, son of John Webb and Bethiah his wife was borne October 19, 1689.

Mary Basse daughter of Joseph and Mary Basse was borne, 22 June 1690.

Benjamin Ffield son of Robert and Mary his wife was borne June 21, 1689 and died 20 July 1690

Sarah Newcomb daughter of Samuel and Sarah Newcomb was borne Anno 90.

[49] Anna Spencer daughter of Samuel Spencer and Sarah his wife borne 21, August 1689.

Samuel Webb, son of Samuel Webb and Mara his wife was borne May 14, 1690.

Josiah Ffaxon son of Josiah Ffaxon and Mehetabel his wife was borne May 23, 1690 1690

Deborah Tompson daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hannah his wife was borne 30th. 6th. 1690.

Ruth Thayer daughter of Nathaniel Thayer and Hannah his present wife was borne 17, 5th. 1689.

Moses Fiske son of Mr. Moses Fisk and Sarah his wife was borne July 19 ; 1682. omitted in its proper place.

Mary Arnold, daughter of Ephraim Arnold and Mary his wife was borne ffirst of October : 1690.

Hannah French daughter of Samuel French and Hannah his wife borne 15 ; January $16\frac{89}{90}$.

Nathaniel Hardin, son of John Hardin & Hannah his wife borne January 7th. $169\frac{1}{2}$.

Christopher Web son of Christopher Web and Mary his wife was borne 19th. of August, Anno Domi 1690.

Samuel Tompson received this Book and was voated into this ofice and place of keeping this Book of Records of Marriages, Births and Burialls, in the year 1690, by the inhabitants of the Town of Braintree, and alowed by the County court of Suffolk.

Births.

Ruth Thayer the daughter of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was born the twenty fivth of July 1690.

Hannah Rugles, the daughter of John Rugles and Marcy his wife was born the the thirteenth day of January $16\frac{90}{91}$

[50] Births.

Deborah Parmenter daughter of Joseph parmenter by Mary his wife was born the 24th. of February $16\frac{90}{91}$

Samuell Payne the son of Stephen Payne and Ellinn his wife was born the 13 of February 1686.

Mary Wals, the daughter of Nathaniel Wals, by Johanah his wife was Born the first day of Aprill 1691.

John Savil the son of Samuell savill by Hannah his wife was Born the 18th. day of October 1690.

David Feild and Jonathan Feild the sons of Robert Feild and Mary his wife was born the nintenth day of Aprill 1691

Dependance French, the son of Dependance French and Rebecah his wife was born the 15th April 1691.

Deborah Marshall, the daughter of John Marshall and Mary his wife was born 28th. May 1691.

Samuel Bass the son of John Bass Junior and Abigaill his wife was born the 17th. of June 1671.

Sarah Niles the daughter of Samuel Niles by Mary his wife was born January 1680.

Samuel Niles the son of Samuel Niles by Mary his wife was born the 15th June 1686.

Zachariah Thayer, ye Son of Nathaniel Thayer deceased and Hannah his wife was born March 16th. 1688.

Entered March 15, 1739, by his acct to me, R. Faxon Cler.

[51] Bethia Webb daughter of John Webb, and Bethiah his wife was Born the 29th. day of October 1691.

Mary Thayer, the daughter of Richard Thayer and Rebecah his wife was born of February, $16\frac{89}{90}$

James Thayer, son of Richard Thayer, and Rebecah his wife was born the 16th. of November, 1691.

Mary Cocke the daughter of Clement Cock, and Elizabeth his wife was born the 6th. day of January $16\frac{91}{92}$.

Lidiah Neale the daughter of Beniamin Neale and Lidiah his wife was Born the ninth of February, $16\frac{90}{89}$

Hanah Neale the dauther of Beniamin Neale and Lidiah his wife was Born 15 day of March, $166\frac{1}{2}$

Hanah Neale dauther of Joseph Neale and Mary his wife was Born the 6th. of December, 1691.

Elizabeth Wales the dauther of Nathaniel Wales, by Elizabeth, his wife was Born the 10th. of February $167\frac{6}{5}$.

Nathaniel Wales the son of Nathaniel wales by Joanah his wife was Born 29 of December, 1681.

Elkenah Wales the son of Nathaniel Wales and Joanah his wife was born the first of December 1685.

Deborah Wales, the dauther of Nathaniel Wales and Joanah his wife was born, 16 of October 1687.

[52] Mary Payne the dauther of Moses Payne by Mary his wife was born upon the fourth day of May 1689.

Hanah Payne, the dauther of Moses Paine by Mary his wife was born upon the second day of Aprill 1692.

Samuel Bass, son of Samuel Bas and Rebecah his wife was borne 26th. of March, 1684.

David Bas the son of Samuel Bass, and Rebecah his wife was Born 15 day of November 1686.

Rebecah Bass, the daughter of Samuel Bass, and Rebecah his wife was born 24th of May 1689.

Mary Bass the dauther of Samuel Bass by Rebeccah his wife was Born 27th day of December 1691.

William Nightingall the son of Wiliam nightingall and Rebecah his wife was born the 5th. day of September 1692.

Elias Mossett daughter of Thomas Mossett and Catharin his wife was borne July 26th. 1692.

Mary Copeland dauther of Thomas Copeland and Mahitabell his wife was born november the 24th. 1692.

Gregory Belcher son of Gregory Belcher, by Elizabeth his wife was born 19th. day of June 1691.

Beniamin Savill son of Wiliam Savill and Deborah his wife was born the 20th. day of October, 1692.

Mary Ruggles the dauther of John Rugles and Mercy his wife was born the 13th. day of December 1692.

[53] Mary French daughter of Samuel French and annah his wife was born the 20th. day of September 1691.

John Mills, the son of John Mils and Hannah his wife was born 12th. October 1692.

Hanah Mills, daughter of John Mills by Hanah his wife was born 2d. day of February 1689.

Elizabeth Mills, dauther of John Mills by Hanah his wife was, Born the 13th. day of July 1690.

Sarah Thaire dauther of Ephraim thayre by Sarah his wife was Born the 5th. day of February 16$\frac{1}{92}$

Hannah Hayward daughter of Jonathan Hayward by Hanah his wife was born 22 day of January 169$\frac{3}{2}$.

John Wild, the son of John Wild by Sarah his wife was born the the 30th. day of October 1691.

Samuel Wild the son of John Wild by Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. day of March 16$\frac{3}{92}$

James Puffer, son of James Puffer and Mary his wife was born the 7th. of November, 1692.

Bethiah Tompson daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hanah his wife was Born the 20th of March 16$\frac{3}{92}$.

Rachill Spear, dauther of Ebenezer Spear and Rachill his wife was Born on the 10th. of Aprill 1686.

Joseph Spear, the son of Ebenezer Spear and Rachill his wife was Born the 25th. day of February 168$\frac{7}{8}$.

Nathaniel Spear, the son of Ebenezer Spear and Rachil his wife was Born the 18th. day of May, 1693.

Samuel Waels the son of Nathaniel Wales and Joanah his wife was Born the 23 day of June 1693.

[54] Hanah Speer, the Dauther of Nathaniel Speer and Hannah his wife was born the 30th. day of September 1690.

Nathaniel Speer the son of Nathaniel Speer and Hanah his wife was born the 25th. day of September 1692.

Abigail Webb, the dauther of John Webb and Bethiah his wife was born the 9th. of October 1693.

Elizabeth Belsher, the dauther of Gregory Belsher and Elizabeth his wife was born the 31 day of October 1693.

John Bowdich the son of John Bowdich and Temperance his wife was born upon the 14 of October 1693.

Daniel Wilord, the son of Mr. Daniel Wilord and Mary his wife was Born upon the 3d. of October 1693.

Thomas Faxon, the son of Josiah Faxon and Mahitabell his wife born upon 8th. of February 169$\frac{2}{1}$.

John Adams the son of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife was born the 8th. of Februrary, 16$\frac{91}{90}$

Samuel Adams the son of Joseph Adams and Hanah his wife was born upon 28 of January 169$\frac{4}{3}$

Thomas French the son of John French and Experience his wife was born upon the 23d of June 1690.

Grac French the daughter of John French and experience his wife was born upon the 22d. of February, 16$\frac{92}{91}$.

Abigaill Thayer, the dauther of Thomas Thayer and abigail his wife was born the 13th. of July 1685.

[55] Births.

Mary Bass, ye daughter of Joseph Bass & Mary his wife was was born ye 22d. day June 1690.

Joseph Bas the son of Joseph Bass and Mary his wife was born the 5th. of July 1692.

John Heins the son of abraham Heines and Abigail his wife was born on the last week in august in the year 1685.

Elizabeth Heines, the daughter of Abraham Heines and abigail his wife was born the 8th. day of June 1687.

William Nightingall the second son of Wiliam Nightengall, & Rebecah his wife was born upon the 14th. day of November 1693.

John Mills the second the son of John Mills by Sarah his wife was born of January 169$\frac{4}{3}$

Beniamin Neale the son of Beniamin Neal, and Lydiah his wife was born upon the 3 : of March 1694.

Joseph Lamb the son of John Lamb, & Lidiah his wife was born 25th. day of June, 1690.

Jemimah Lamb, the daughter of John Lamb, and Lydia his wife was born the 14th of June 1693.

Ebenezer Nucom, the son of John Nucom and Elizabeth his wife was born upon the 3d. day of June 1694.

Samuel Nucom the son of Samuel Nucom and Sarah his wife was born upon the 9th. day of June 1694.

[56] Births.

David Mouset, the son of Mr. Thomas Mosett and Katheren his wife was born upon the 23d. day of June 1694.

Ebenezer Clarke the son of Joseph Clarke and Demaris his wife was born upon 10th. day of July 1694.

John Clark, the son of Joseph Clark and Damaris his wife was born upon the 31st. of Agust 1682.

Edward Clark the son of Joseph Clark and Damaris his wife was born upon the 21st. day of May 1684.

Recorded at his desire april 4th. 1737 & by his acct. to me R.F.

David Clark son of Joseph Clark & Damaris his wife born Septr 1686

Jonathan Clark the son of Joseph Clark and Damaris his wife was born upon the 14th. day of March 16$\frac{90}{89}$.

Beniamin Clark the son of Joseph Clark and Damaris his wife was born upon the the 25th. of Agust 1692.

Ephraim Thayer the son of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah his wife was born upon the 8th. of July 1694.

Mary Savill, the dauther of Samuel Savill and Hanah his wife was borne upon the 22d. of agust 1694.

John Marshall the son of John Marshall and Mary his wife was born upon the 14th. of September 1694.

John Marshall the son of John and Mary Marshall Dyed on Tuesday, October the 6th. 1702 aged 8 years and 22 days.

[57] Births.

Abigail Peirse the dauther of John Peirse and Abigail his wife was born upon the 20th. day of agust 1694.

Judith Savill the dauther of Wiliam Savill by Experiens his wife was borne upon the 10th. day of October 1694.

Mosis Payne the son of Moses Payne and Mary his wife was born upon the 31 of October 1694.

James Puffer, the son of James Puffer, and mary his wife was born upon the 5th. of November 1694.

Ruth Howerd, the dauther of Wiliam Howerd and Hanah his wife was born upon the 22 of October 1694.

Rebecah Belshar, the dauther of Gregory Belsher and Elizabeth his wife was born the 30th. day of November, 1664.

Ebenezer Crosbey, the son of Joseph Crosbey, and Elin his wife was born upon the 17th. of November, 1694.

Beniamin Bass, the son of Joseph Bass and Mary his wife was born upon the 19th. of December 1694.

John Speer, The son of Nathaniel Speer and Hanah his wife was born upon the 27th. day of October, 1694.

William Linfield son of William Linfield & Abigail his wife was born about the fifteenth day of September 1664.

David Linfield ye son of William Linfield & Abigail his wife born about the beginning of July 1697.

Abigail ye daughter of William Linfield & Abigail his wife was borne 1701

[58] Births.

Samuel Crane the son of Stephen Crane and Mary his wife was born upon the 23^d of May 1687.

Zarviah Crane the daughter of Stephen Crane and mary his wife was born upon the 30th. day of November, 1690.

Beniamin Crane the son of Stephen Crane and Mary his wife was born upon the 17th. day of November 1692.

Stephen Crane the son of Stephen Crane and Mary his wife was born upon the 12th. day of December 1694.

Deborah Harden the daughter, of John Harden and anna his wife was born upon 29 day of July 1694.

Jonathan Hayward the son of Jonathan Hayward and Hanah his wife was born upon the 29th. of December 1694.

Samuel Curtis the son of Theophilus Curtis by hanah his wife was born December 23, 1688.

John Curtis the son of Theophilus Curtis by Hannah his wife was born the 5th. of July 1692.

Rebecah French the daughter of Dependance French and Rebecah his wife was born upon the 13 of May 1694.

Samuel Thayer the son of Samuell Thayer and Susanah his wife was born upon the 8th of March 169$\frac{5}{4}$.

[67] William Arnold son of Mr John Arnold and Mary his wife was borne November 22^d. 1678.

Mary Arnold daughter of Mr. John Arnold and Mary his wife was born September 12th. 1681.

Thomas Holbrooke son of Thomas Holbrooke and Mary Holbrooke his wife was borne the 13th. March 1692.

[69] y^e daughter of John Saunders his wife was born ye 18th. September 16

Benjamin Tompson took the Oath of Records before the Worshipfull Bullivant Esqr. Octob^r. 19th. 1687.

The children of Benj. Tompson by Susanna his wife are as follows.

Abigail Tompson Borne at Boston 25 : 9th : 1670

Susanna Tompson Borne at Charlestown 16th. 4th 1673.

Anna Tompson, borne at Charlestown Ffebruary 10th 167$\frac{6}{7}$.

Ellenor Tompson, borne at Braintree 29, 9th : 1679.

Beniamin Tompson borne at Braintree 8th. 5, 1682.

Elizabeth Tompson borne at Braintree 14th. 11th. 168$\frac{4}{5}$.

Philip Tompson borne at Braintree 26th. 5th. 1687.

Sarah Tompson borne at Braintree 23^d. July 1689.

Mary Tompson borne at Brantree August 29th. 1692

Quos, Deus omnipotens, proningenti filii sui en toris nostrimeriti, vita eternadignetur. B.T.

27th. July 1693 my deare wife Susanna died. And Anna Colly her dear sister within a month after at Boston of the same disease.

David Clark son of Joseph Clerk borne
Joseph Ffield son of Robert Field 16 : 4 : 168
Deborah Wales daughter of Nathaniel Wales by Joanna his wife born 10th. 8th. 1687
Mr. Edmund Quinsey son
[70] John Mills married Elizabeth Shove April 6, 1653, whose children are as followeth.
Elizabeth Mills, was borne July 1st. 1654.
Sarah Mills was borne June 7th. 1656.
John Mills was born Apr. 13, 1660.
Jonathan Mills was borne 9th. 9 : 1662.
Edward Mills, was borne June 29th. 1665.
Mary Mills, was borne April 1670.
Susannah Mills was borne February 12, 1667.
Nathaniel Mills was borne April 22d. 1672.
Susanna Mills was borne Sept : 23, 1675.
son of Lt. Edmund Quincy & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 24th. day of October 1681.
Lydia Faxon, daughter of Josiah Faxon and Mihetabel his wife was borne the 30th. of Novembr. 3d. 1695.
Joanna Montjoy daughter of George Montjoy and Mary his wife was born Election day May 1697.
Mary Quinsey daughter of Worshipfull Edmund Quinsey Esqr. and Mrs. Elizabeth his wife was born ye 7th. December 1684.
Richard Faxon, son of Thomas Faxon and Mary his wife was born September, 4th. 1686.
reason of ye writing of yt on ye other was that he that lookt there for yt could not find and by others that he supposed it to be neer in ye time of be best, he supposing some leaves to be wanting and he pleasing himself Dasht yt out it March mind
[71] William Copeland, the son of Wiliam Copeland and Mary his wife was born upon the upon the 7 day of March 169$\frac{5}{4}$
Moses Belsher, the son of Samuel Belsher and Comfort his wife was born upon the 16th. day of December 1692.
Deborah Belshar, the daughter of Samuel Belshar and Comfort his wife was born upon the 11th. day of February 169$\frac{5}{4}$
Deborah Briant the daughter of Simon Briant and Hanah his wife was born upon the 2nd. day of April 1695.
Lydiah Copeland the dauther of John Copeland and Ruth his wife was born upon the 24th. day of April 1692
Bethia Copeland, the daughter of John Copeland and Ruth his wife was Born upon 19th. day of March, 169$\frac{5}{4}$.
Margery Owin, the dauther of Josiah Owin and Hanah his wife was born upon the 29th. day of December, 1694.
Thomas Wales, the son of Nathaniel Wales and Joannah his wife was born upon the 19th. of aprill 1695.
Joseph Wales, son of Nathaniel Wales and Joanna his wife was borne April the 29th 1697.
[72] Jams Peniman the son of Samuel Peniman and Elizabeth his wife was born upon the 29 day of March 1695.

Elizabeth Neal the daughter of Joseph Neal and Mary his wife was born upon the 12th of May 1695.
Abigail Tompson the daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hannah his wife was born June 20th. 1695.
Edmund Wilson son of Mr. John Wilson and Sarah his wife was borne 27: July 1695.
Benjamin the son of Benjamin Webb, and Susanna his wife was born December 13, 1695, at Boston.
Alexander French, son of Samuel Ffrench and Anna his wife was born 13, of December Anno Dom: 1695.
Joseph Neale the son of Benjamin Neal and Lydiah his wife was borne 19th. of November 1695.
Caleb Hubbard son of Josiah Hubbard, and Mary his wife was borne January the 14th. 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
Elizabeth Curtis daughter of Theophilus Curtis and Hannah his wife was borne 5 April 1695.
Ephraim Arnold, son of Ephraim Arnold by Mary his wife was borne July 21, 1695.
Mary Adams, daughter of Peter Adams and Mary his wife was borne January 27th. 1695.
Benjamin Salter son of Nickolas Salter & Rebecca his wife was born ye 7th. March 1695
Samuel Salter son of Nicolas Salter & Rebecca his wife was born 27 November 1698.
[73] The names of the children of Revd. Mr. Moses Fisk by Mrs. Sarah his wife entered Jany 29, 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
Mrs. Mary was borne 25th. August 1673.
Mrs Sarah was born 22d September, 1674.
Mrs. Martha was born 25th. November, 1675, and dyed 28th of the same
Mrs Anna was born August 17th. 1677, and died 9th. June 1678.
Mrs Ann: was borne 29th. October, 1678.
Mrs. Elizabeth was born 9 Febru. 1679.
Mr. John was borne 28th May 1681 and died the 5 of agust the same year
Mr. Moses was borne 19th July, 1682.
Mr. John was borne 26th. Novem. 1684.
Mr. William Fiske was borne 2, August 1686.
Mr. Samuel was borne 19 feby. 1687, died 4th. March 1688
Mr. Samuel was borne April 6th. 1689
Mrs. Ruth was borne 24th. March 1691, died June 6, 1692
Mr. Edward was born 20 October 1692, died 25 of the same.
Mrs. Sarah Fisk died December 2, 1692.
Shepard, ye son of ye Revd. Mr. Moses Fisk & Mrs Anne his wife was born ye 19th. April 1703.
Mrs. Margaret ye daughter of ye Rev Mr. Moses Fisk & Mrs Anna his wife was born 16 December, 1705.
Josiah Adams son of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife was borne 18th. Febr. 169$\frac{5}{6}$.
John Cleverly son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was borne March 9th. 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

Joseph Payne son of John Payne and Deborah his wife was borne October, 26, 1695.

Hannah Baxter daughter of John Baxter Junr. and Huldah his wife was borne April 27th. 1696.

Hannah Niel daughter of John Niel & Catherine his wife was born 14 Feb. 1696.

Susannah Niel daughter of John Niel & Kathrine his wife was born 18, Jan. 1698.

[74] Pelatiah Rawson, son of William Rawson and Mrs Anne Rawson his wife was borne July 2^{d}. 1696.

Samuel Derby son of Edward Derby and Ruth his wife was borne May 2^{d}. 1689.

Edward Derby son of Edward Derby & Ruth his wife was borne 22^{d}. Agust 1691.

Sarah Derby, daughter of Edward Derby and Ruth his wife was borne 19th. June 1693.

Samuel Speer, son of Samuel Speer, and Elizabeth his wife was borne July the 6th. 1696.

Samuel Field son of Robert Field and Mary Field was borne July 10th. 1696, and died upon the seventh day of his age.

Elizabeth Bass, daughter of John Bass, the third and Elizabeth his wife was borne the 5th. of September, Anno Dom. 1696.

Caleb Hayward son of Jonathan Hayward amd Hanah his wife was borne September 27th. 1696.

Moses Bass son of Joseph Bass, Jun. and Mary his wife was born October 23, 1696.

Mary Jackson daughter of Edmund Jackson and Mary his wife was borne: November 31st. 1696.

Edmund Newcomb son of Samuel Newcomb and Sarah his wife was born November, 4th. 1696.

Mary Hollis daughter of John Hollis and Mary his wife was borne November 16th. 1696.

[75] Births.

Elizabeth French daughter of Thomas French and Elizabeth his wife was borne December, 16th. 1696.

Philip Thayer, son of Ephraim Thayer, and Sarah his wife was borne 14th. of April Anno Dom 1696.

Abigail Speare daughter of Ebenezer Speare and Rachel his wife was borne Novemb^{r}. the seventh 1695.

Mary Speare daughter of Nathaniel Speare and Hannah his wife was borne 18th. of February, 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Joseph Puffer, son of James Puffer & Mary his wife was born Ffebruary 5, 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Mary Mills daughter of John Mills and Hannah his wife was born March 18th. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Elizabeth Belcher daughter of Gregory Belcher and Elizabeth his wife was born 30th. January, 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Hannah Webb, daughter of John Webb, and Bethia his wife was borne September Anno Dom. 1697.

Francis Always son of Francis Always and Elizabeth his wife was borne 8th. of 1st. 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Hannah Crane daughter of Steven Crane and Mary his wife was borne 5th. July 1697.

Hanna Briant daughter of Simon Briant and Hanah his wife was Borne 1st. September 1697.

[76] Joanna Mountjoy daughter of Mr. George Mountjoy and Mary his wife was borne Election day Anno Dom 1697, 13 day of May.

John Ruggles, son of John Ruggles, and Mercy his wife was borne September 5th. 1696.

Mary Belcher, daughter of Samuel Belcher and Comfort his wife was borne June 1697.

William Howard, son of William Howard and Hannah his wife was borne March: 22: 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Grindall Rawson, son of Mr William Rawson and Mrs Anna Rawson his wife was borne August 24th. 1697.

Mary Marshal daughter of John Marshal and Mary his wife borne Septr. 28th. 1697.

Moses Paine son of John Paine and Deborah his wife was borne 7th. day of November Anno Dom. 1697.

Hanna Crane daughter of Steven Crane and Mary his wife was borne July 5th. 1697.

Susanna Thayer the daughter of Samuel Thayer, and Susanna his wife was borne the 23d. of May Anno Dom 1697.

Jonathan the son of Benjamin Webb, and Susanna his wife was borne December the 27th. Anno Dom. 1697.

[77] Hannah Thayer The daughter of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah, his wife was borne January 13th. 1698.

Thomas Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was born Ffebruary 19th. 169$\frac{7}{8}$ 19th. 12 — 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Hannah Adams daughter of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife was borne Ffebruary 21st. 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Steven Cleverly son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was borne 25th. Anno Dom. 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Benjamin Speer son of Ebenezer Speer and Rachel his wife was born 12th. February 1698.

Samuel ye son of John Harding & Anna his wife was borne the 27th. day of February, 1698.

David and Jonathan Darby twins, sons of Edward Darby and Ruth his wife were borne May 23d 1698.

Seth Copeland, son of John Copeland and Ruth his wife was borne 22 January 169$\frac{7}{8}$.

Mehetabel Faxon daughter of Josiah Faxon and Mehetabel his wife was borne 14th. June 1698.

John Nightingal son of William Nightingal and Rebecka his wife was born 17th. day of April Anno Dom. 1698.

Joseph Ruggles, son of Joseph Ruggles and Susanna his wife borne the twenty ninth day of July Anno Dom: 1698.

Abigail Estgate.

Rachel Estgate, daughter of Eleazer Estgate and Rachel his wife was borne January 12th. 169$\frac{7}{8}$

Benjamin y^{e}. son of John Taylour & Sarah his wife was borne y^{e} 8th. day of December 1698.

[78] Sarah Mills daughter of John Mills and Hannah his wife was borne 8th. of Septemb^{r}. Anno Dom: 1698.

Daniel Speer son of Samuel Speer and Elizabeth his wife was borne 25th. Agust, Anno Dom. 1698.

Alice the daughter of Mr. John Wilson and Mrs Sarah his wife was borne ye 9th. day of June 1698.

Edward Willard son of Mr Daniel Willard and Mary his wife was borne Ffebruary 28th. 1696.

Benjamin Willard son of Mr. Daniel Willard and Mary his wife was born July 10th. 1698.

Thomas French son of Thomas French and Elizabeth his wife was borne the fifth day of August, instant 1698.

Mary Rawson daughter of M^{r}. William Rawson and Ann Rawson his wife was borne Novemb^{r}. 11 the second 1698.

Mary Tompson Daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hannah his wife was borne Feb^{r}. 26, 1698.

John Baxter son of John Baxter and Huldah his wife was born 10 Jan. 1697.

Abigail Adams, daughter of Peter Adams and Mary his wife was born Anno Dom. August the 13th. 1698.

Amee Kent, daughter of Richard & Amee Kent his wife was born ye 29th. April 1699.

Deborah French daughter of John French & Experience his wife was born 27th. August 1694.

William French son of John & Experience his wife was born ye 16th January 1696.

John French son of John French & Experience his wife was borne 16th April 1699.

William Belcher son of Samuel Belcher & Comfort his wife was borne July 14th. anno Dom. 1699.

[79] Births.

Susanna Sanders, daughter of John Sanders and Susanna his wife was borne the 5th. day of March Anno Dom. 1699

Thomas Lincoln son of Thomas Lincoln and Rachel his wife was born the 23^{d}. February Anno Dom. 1698.

Ephraim Copeland, son of William Copeland and Mary his wife born 1st February Anno Dom: 1697.

Ebenezer Copeland, son of William Copeland and Mary his wife born ye 16th. February 1698.

Nathaniel Littlefield son of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife was born 6th. April 1691.

Elizabeth Littlefield daughter of Edmund Littlefield and Elizabeth his wife was born 21st. April 1694.

Sarah Littlefield daughter of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife was born 4th. December 1695.

Anna Littlefield daughter of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife was borne 25th. March 1698.

Caleb Littlefield son of Caleb Littlefield and Lidia his wife was born in July Anno Dom: 1692

Mary Wright daughter of Samuel Wright & Mary his wife was born 21st. November, Anno Dom. 1698.

Rachel Thayer, daughter of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was born ye 3d. April Anno Domini 1698.

David Speare son of Nathaniel Speare & Hannah his wife was born 27th. March 1699.

David French son of Dependance French and Rebecca his wife was born the 4th March 1699, as also

Elizabeth French daughter of said Dependance French & Rebecca French born both in one day & hower.

Thomas White son of Thomas White Junior & Mehetable his wife was born 2d day of October 1698.

John Wales, son of Deacon Nathaniel Wales & Joanna his wife was borne ye 25th May 1699.

Joshua Haward son of Jonathan Haward and Hannah his wife was borne ye 26th. May 1699.

Sarah Payne daughter of Moses Payn & Mary his wife was born the 3d. July 1697.

[80] Ann Hobart daughter of Benjamin Hobart & Susannah his wife was born July the 4th. Anno Domini 1699.

Mary Puffer ye daughter of James and Mary Puffer his wife was born the seventh day of August Anno Domi 1699.

Samuel Belcher, the son of Gregory Belcher & Elizabeth his wife was born the nineteenth day of August Anno Dom. 1699.

Samuel Allin the son of Samuel Allin and Abigail his wife was born the second day of July Anno Dom. 1699.

Mary Penniman ye daughter of Moses Penniman & Mary his wife was born ye 20th. June Anno Dom. 1699.

Joseph Thayer the sonn of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah his wife was born ye 28th. day of July Anno Dom. 1699.

Sarah Bass, daughter of John Bass, and Elizabeth his wife was born the 19th. day of September Anno. 1699.

Rebecca Ruggle, ye daughter of John Ruggle Junior & Mercy his wife was born the tenth day of March Anno Dom. 1699.

Jonathan Mills, son of John Mills & Hannah his wife was born Anno Domini the 29th. day of October 1699.

Isaac Hunt, son of Isaac Hunt and Mary his wife was born February 25th. 1698.

David the son of Benjamin Webb, and Susanna his wife was borne December the eleventh Anno Dom. 1699

Jonathan Newcomb son of Peter Newcomb & susannah his wife was born 1st. March 1686.

Peter Newcomb son of Peter Newcomb & Susannah his wife was born 23d. July 1689.

[81] Lydia Neale the daughter of Joseph Neale & Mary his wife was born ye 7th November, Anno Domi: 1697.

Eleazer Isgate ye son of Eleazer Isgate and Rachell his wife was born January ye 14th. Anno Dom: 1700

Benjamin Scott, the son of Benjamin Scot & Mary his wife was borne y^e 18th. day of February $\frac{1699}{1700}$.

Henry Neale son of Benjamin Neale & Lydia his wife was borne 4th. day of August 1697.

Abigail Neale the daughter of Benjamin Neale and Lydia his wife was born 20 August 1698.

Moses French son of Thomas French and Elizabeth his wife was born y^e 16th. February 1700.

Ebenezer Crane the son of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was born 21 November 1692.

Ezekiel Crane y^e son of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was born 28th November 1694.

Daniel Crane the son of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was born 2^d^. February $169\frac{6}{7}$.

Tabitha Crane y^e daughter of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was born 27 December 1697.

Mary Crane, y^e daughter of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was borne the eleventh day of July Anno Dom. 1699.

Samuel Baxter son of Samuel Baxter & Mary his wife was born y^e 1st August 1698.

Benjamin Baxter y^e son of Samuel Baxter and Mary his wife was born 3^d^. February $\frac{1699}{1700}$.

Ephraim Pray son of Ephraim Pray and Elizabeth his wife was, born 14 June 1681.

John Pray son of Ephraim Pray and Elizabeth his wife was born the 28th. day of August, 1683.

Elizabeth Pray y^e daughter of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife was born the 27, day of September 1685

Hannah Pray y^e daughter of Ephraim Pray and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 2^d^. day of June 1687.

[82] Births.

Ruth Pray ye daughter of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife born March ye 26, 1689.

Samuel Pray the son of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife was borne 14 may 1692.

Joseph Pray ye son of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife was born 14 January 1695

Mary Pray, ye daughter of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife was born 17th. September 1697.

Sarah Pray ye daughter of Ephraim Pray & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 16 day of January 1700

Ruth Bass the daughter of Joseph Bass & Mary his wife was born 21st. March, 1699.

Josiah French son of Samuel French & Hannah his wife was born the 20th. day of March Anno Dom. 1700.

Ruth Adams, ye daughter of Joseph Adams & Hannah his wife was borne ye 21st day of March Anno Dom. 1700

Mary Staples ye daughter of Benjamim Staples & Mary his wife was born 26 day of March Anno Dom. 1700.

Thomas Copeland son of Thomas Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye tenth day of April anno Domi. 1700.

Joseph Wright son of Samuel Wright and Mary his wife was born ye 16th. day of April 1700.

Benjamin Wright son of Samuel Wright and Mary his wife was born ye day & time above said they being both twinns.

Gideon Thayer ye son of Cornelious Thayer (deceas^{d}) & Abig^{ll}. his wife was born March 1, 1700. This entered at ye desire of s^{d} Gideon

Deering Speare y^{e}. Son of Ebenezer Speare & Rachell his wife was born ye 6th day of March 1700.

Isaac Newcome son of John Newcomb and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 24th. day of April Anno Dom. 1700.

Moses Payne son of Moses Payne & Mary his wife was borne ye 13th. June 1700.

Samuel Cleverly son of John Cleverly & Hannah his wife was born ye 7th. day July Anno Dom. 1700.

[83] Benjamin Nash, y^{e}. son of Francis Nash & Mary his wife wife born y^{e}. 25th day of June 1700.

Elizabeth Speare ye daughter of Samuel Speare & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 19 June 1700.

Nathaniel Belcher ye son of Samuel Belcher, and Comfort his wife was born 25th. July 1700.

Samuel Bass, y^{e}. son of Samuel Bass, & Mary his wife was borne ye 26th. day of July 1700.

Lydia Thayer, the daughter of Samuel Thayer & Susannah his wife was born 25th. December, 1699.

Gideon the son of Richard Thayer & Rebecca his wife was born ye 26th day of July 1700.

Edward the son of Josiah Faxon & Mehetable his wife was born ye 6th. day of May 1700.

Peter the son of Peter Adams & Mary his wife was born ye 13th day of August 1700.

Jonathan ye son of Benjamin Neale & Lydia his wife was born ye 13th. day of October 1700.

Mary ye daughter of James Turbefield & Mercy his wife was born ye 16 September 1700.

Mary the daughter of Thomas Holbrooke & Mary his wife was born ye 20th. October 1700.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Joshua Morse & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 20 October 1700.

John Belcher, son of Josiah Belcher, and Margaret his wife was born 28 aug. 1694.

Elisabeth Belcher, ye daugter of Josiah Belcher & Margaret his wife was born ye 25 May 1697.

Margrett ye daughter Josiah Belcher & Margaret his wife was born ye 8th day of April 1699.

Josiah the son of John Marshall & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. day of November 1700.

Deborah ye daughter of Joseph Webb & Deborah his wife was born ye 9th day of Novem^{br}. 1700.

Mercy ye daughter of John Copeland and Ruth his wife was born ye 10th Decem^br 1700.

David ye son of Benjamin Niel & Ruth his wife was born ye 20th. October 1700.

Abigail ye daughter of Samuel Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye 20th. day of November 1700

Samuel Ruggle, ye son of John Ruggle Junior & Mercy his wife was born y^e. 15th. Decemb^r. 1700.

Eleazor ye son of Ebenezer Thayer & Ruth his wife was born ye 17th. January 1701.

[84] Births.

Dorathy Hollis the daughter of John Hollis & Mary his wife was born y^e 15 Decemb^r. 1700.

Mehetable White the daughter of Thomas White & Mehetable his wife was born y^e 15th of February 1701.

Jerusha the daughter of Benjamin Webb, and Susannah his wife was born y^e 22 Feb^r. $\frac{1-70}{7001}$

Benjamin the son of John Payne & Deborah his wife was born the sixth day of March 1700.

Joseph Speare the son of Nathaniel Speare & Hannah his wife was born y^e 14 May 1701.

Daniel Mekusett the son of modica Mekusett & Sarah his wife was born y^e 14, October 1690.

Sarah Powel the daughter of Arthur Powel & Sarah his wife was born 4th. September 1695.

Mary Powel, y^e. daughter of Arthur Powel & Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. October 1700.

Shadrack ye son of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. April 1701.

Josiah Hobart son of Josiah Hobart & Mary his wife was born 24th. May 1697.

Mary ye daughter of Josiah Hobart & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. February 1701.

Bathshua ye daughter Benjamin Beale & Hannah his wife was born ye 13 April 1701.

Mary the daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Hannah his wife was born the 5th. day of June 1701

Abigail ye daughter, of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife ye 17 day of November 1700.

Joseph the son of Joseph Neale & Mary his wife was born ye 21st. day of June 1701.

Jonathan the son of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born 31st. August 1701.

Mary the daughter of Simon Bryant & Hannah his wife was born the 19th. day of September 1701.

Mary ye daughter of Samuel Newcomb & Sarah his wife was born ye 26 day of September 1701.

Rachel ye daughter of Nathaniel Wales & Joanna his wife was born ye 15th. o'ctober, 1701

Hannah ye daughter of Samuel Wright and Mary his wife was born ye 7th. December, 1701.

[85] A witch Chronicle — In Arabic.

The lands of William Owen eightene acres more or less of upland Bounded on the North with the land of James Conis on the east with the Common land of Brantry on the south with the land of David Walsbee on the West with a Fresh brook on a swamp which land the said William Owen bought of Humphrey Darratt. *ut audivi et ille dicit.*

Samuel ye son of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife was Born ye 17 January 1703.

Thomas Bass ye son of John Bass & Elizabeth his wife was born the 7th. day of October 1701.

Sarah ye daughter of Thomas Copeland and Mary his wife was Born ye 23^d. December 1700.

John Bass ye son of Joseph Bass & mary his wife was born ye 19, day of January 1702.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife was borne ye 17th day of January 1702.

Seth ye son of John Payne and Deborah his wife was borne ye 16 January 1702.

Thomas ye son of Samuel Baxter & Mary his wife was born ye 25th. February, 1702.

Jonathan ye son of John Mills and Hannah his wife was born ye 2^d. day of March 1702.

Anna ye daughter of Samuel Bass senior & Rebecca his his wife was born ye 21 February 1702.

Timothy, ye son of Samuel Thayer & susannah his wife was born ye 31, Decemb^r. 1701

Sarah Tompson, Daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hannah his wife was born Aprill 5, 1702.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Josiah Faxon & mehetable his wife was born the 7th. day of April 1702.

Edward, the son of Josiah Faxon & Mehetable his wife was born ye sixth day of May 1700 lapsed too long.

Nathaniel ye son of Samuel French & Anna his wife was born ye 1st. April 1702.

Joseph ye son of James Puffer and mary his wife was born ye 2^d April 1702.

Lydia ye daughter of Edmund Littlefield and Elizabeth his wife was borne y^e. 29th. March 1702.

Bethiah, ye daughter of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife was born ye 13, June 1702.

[86] Ruth ye daughter of Gregory Belcher & Elizabeth his wife was born, the 6th. day of April 1702.

Benjamin ye son of John Cleverly & Hannah his wife was born ye 25th. May 1702.

Jonathan ye son of Thomas French & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 20 day of June 1702.

John ye son of John Marsh and Sarah his wife was borne ye 14th October 1702.

Mehetable ye daughter of Stephen Crane & Mary his wife was borne y^e. 5th. October 1702.

Mehetable ye daughter of Saml. Speare & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 28th. September 1702.

Susannah ye daughter of Joseph Ruggle and Susannah his wife was borne ye 19 November 1702.

Hannah ye daughter of Peter Adams & Mary his wife was borne ye 12th. October 1702.

Josiah the son of Josiah Sanders & Rebecca his wife was born y^e. 4th. September, 1702.

Hannah ye daughter of Thomas Holbrook and Mary his wife was born ye 20th. November 1702.

Sarah ye daughter of Samuel Belcher & Comfort his wife was born 14 January 1703.

Joseph ye son of Joseph Allin junior and Abigail his wife was born ye 18th. May 1702.

Elizabeth y^e. daughter of Joseph Bass & Mary his wife was born ye 2 February 1703.

Rebecca ye daughter of Samuel Allen and Abigail his wife was born ye 27 November 1702.

James ye son of James Turbefield & Mercy his wife was borne ye 26th. January 1703.

Daniel y^e. son of John Taylour & Sarah his wife was born y^e. 24 March 1702.

Mary ye daughter of John Wilson Esqr. and Mary his wife was born ye 16 August 1702.

Abigail ye daughter of Nathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born ye 21st. May 1702.

Jemima ye daughter of Jno. Staples & Jemima his wife was born ye 23^d. April 1694.

Sarah ye daughter of John Staples & Jemima his wife was born ye 3^d day of April 1696.

Mary ye daughter of John Staples & Jemima his wife was born ye 13 day of January 1698.

[87] Births.

Benjamin ye Son of Benjamin Beal & Hannah his wife was born ye 22^d. Decemb^r. 1702.

Christopher ye son of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah his wife was born ye 4th. March 1703.

Eunice ye daughter of Benjamin Webb, and Susannah his wife was born ye 6th March 1703 *i.e.* 1702^3.

Obadiah Thayer the son of Richard Thayer and Rebecca his wife was born ye 1st. May 1703.

Edmund the son of Edmund Quinsey and Dorathy his wife was borne ye 13 June 1703.

Mary, ye daughter of Thomas White & Mehetable his wife was born ye 21 August 1703.

James the son of Frances Nash and Mary his wife was borne ye 6th day of October 1703.

Jerusha ye daughter of Benjamin Neall and Lydia his wife was born y^e. 2^d October 1703.

Prudence, the daughter of John Sanders and Susannah his wife was born ye 21 January 1703.

Martha ye daughter of Jabez Puffer and Mary his wife was born ye 18th. day of October 1703.

Aaron, the son of Moses Payne and Mary his wife was borne the eighth day of November 1703.

Deliverance the daughter of John Marshall and Mary his wife being the Twin that lived, was born ye 18th day of November, 1703.

Levie ye son of Edmund Littlefield and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 13th. day of December 1703.

Nathan the son of Nathaniel speare and Hannah his wife was born ye 9th August 1703.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Hobart and Susannah his wife was born the 6th. day of September 1701.

[88] Susannah ye daughter of Samuel White and Anna his wife was born 12th. March 1689.

Mary White the daughter of Samuel White & Anna his wife was born y^{e}. 12 September 1690.

Lydia White ye daughter of Samuel White & Anna his wife was born ye 4 September 1693.

Anna ye daughter of Samuel White & Anna his wife was born 14 October 1696.

Thankful, ye daughter of Samuel White & Anna his wife was born ye 17 April 1700.

Rachel ye daughter of Saml. White & Anna his wife was born 20th March 1703.

Elizabeth ye daughter of John Hollis & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. May 1703.

Mehetable the daughter of Joseph Brackett and Mehetable his wife was born ye 13th. October 1702

Mary ye daughter of Thomas Wells and Mercy his wife was born ye 2^{d}. February 1704.

Esther, ye daughter of Joseph Webb and Deborah his wife was borne ye 30 Novem^{br} 1703.

Bethia ye daughter of of Samuel Bass and Mary his wife was born ye 2^{d}. February, 1704.

Caleb y^{e}. son of Benjamin Hobart and Susannah his wife was born ye 9th. February, 1704.

Hannah ye daughter of Samuel Thayer & Susannah his wife was born ye 27th. January, 1704.

Deborah ye daughter of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was born ye 16 March 1702.

Eleazer ye son of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife was born ye 28th. January 1704.

Increas ye son of John Niel and Margreat his wife was born ye 5th. February 1704.

Ashley ye son of Moses curtis & Dorathy his wife was born ye 4th. March, 1704

Jerusha ye daughter of Samuel Hayden and Mary his wife was born ye 6th. February 1704.

Sarah ye daughter of John Mash, and Sarah his wife was born ye 3^d. day of March, Anno Domini, 1704.

[89] Atherton the son of Elder Nathaniel Wales and Joanna his wife was born ye 8th. day of March 1704

Ruth Thayer ye daughter of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born ye 1, April 1704.

Enoch the son of Samuel Bass, and Rebecca his wife was borne ye 18th. day of April 1704.

Eliashib y^e. son of Josiah Faxon and Mehetabel his wife was born ye 10 March 1704.

Richard the son of Peter Newcomb & Mary his wife was born ye 17th. day of March 1704.

Nathaniel ye son of Thomas Copeland & Mary his wife was borne ye 30th. day of April 1704.

David y^e. son of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born y^e. 15th day of April 1704.

Esther ye daughter of Mr. Edmund Quinsey and Mrs Dorathy his wife was born ye 24th. July 1704.

Rachell ye daughter of Thomas French and Elizabeth his wife was borne ye 26 day of March 1704.

Henry son of John Bass & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 20th May 1704.

Katherine ye daughter of simon Bryant & Hannah his wife was borne ye 2^d July 1704.

John the son of Josiah Hobart & Mary his wife was born April 14th. 1704.

Joseph the son of Gregory Belcher and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 19 August 1704.

Zipporah ye daughter of Samuel Belcher & Comfort his wife was born ye 27th. August 1704.

Hannah ye daughter of John Cleverly, and Hannah his wife was borne ye 2^d day of July 1704.

Amee ye Daughter of Peter Webb & Amee his wife was born ye 25th. Decemb^r. 1704.

Abijah ye son of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye 22^d. day of August 1704.

Hephzibah, ye daughter of John Sanders and Susannah his wife was born ye 20th. day of February 1705.

James & Deborah ye son & daughter (being twins) of John Payne & Deborah his wife were born ye 27 July 1704.

Joseph the son of John Niel & Katherine his wife was borne the 1st. day of May 1700.

Sarah & Deborah ye daughters of John Niel & Katherine his wife were born (being both twins) ye 20th. day of September 1702.

Hannah ye daughter of Samuel Allin and Abigail his wife was born y^e. 25th. September 1704.

Abigail ye daughter of Benjamin Beall & Hannah his wife was born ye 11th. October 1704.

William ye son of William Thayer & Hannah his wife was born ye 11th. day of May 170

[90] Esther ye daughter of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born ye 24th. July 1705.

Elisabeth the daughter of Moses Penniman and Mary his wife was borne ye 3^d July 1705.

Nathan ye son of Benjamin Webb and Susannah, his wife was borne ye 9th April 1705

Margreet ye daughter of Benjamin Thayer and Margreet his wife was born ye 26th. June 1705.

Mary ye daughter of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife was born y^e. 1st. April 1705.

Hannah ye daughter of John Hollis & Mary his wife was born ye 8th day of October 1705.

Alexander, ye son of John Mash & sarah his wife was born ye fourth day of November 1705.

Aldin the son of Joseph Bass & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. October 1705.

Ebenezer ye son of Joseph Adams & Hannah his wife was born ye 30th. day of December 1704.

Experience ye Daughter of Samuel White & Anna his wife was born ye 1 January 1706.

Gregory Baxter y^e son of Jno. Baxter & Huldah his wife was born Feb^ry. 14th. viz as he gave y^e account in of it) 1706.

Moses the son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born y^e 2^d day of February 1706.

Joseph the son of Samuel Baxter and Mary his wife was born the 21st. January 170$\frac{5}{6}$

Huldah y^e daughter of John Baxter & Huldah his wife was born the 3^d day of June 1702.

Deborah the daughter of William Savel and Sarah his wife was born the first day of January 1706.

Deborah y^e daughter of Edmund Littlefield and Elisabeth his wife was born y^e 23^d September 1705.

Sarah y^e daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife was borne ye 19th October 1705.

Mercy ye daughter of Thomas Wells & Mercy his wife born ye 12th. day of February 1706.

Martha ye daughter of Eliezer Isgate & Rachel his wife was born ye 8th. of March 1706.

William ye son of Benjamin Allen and Sarah his wife was born ye 3^d day of April 1706.

Sarah ye daughter of Josiah Faxon & Mehetable his wife was born ye 3^d day of June 1706.

Joseph ye son of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 18th. day of May 1706.

Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Copeland and Mary his wife was born ye 18th June 1706

[91] William the son of James Penniman and Abigail his wife was borne ye 7th. day of July 1706.

Anna ye daughter of Samuel Belchar and Comfort his wife was born ye 19th. day of July 1706.

Jonathan ye son of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife was born ye 18th March 1706.

John Bass, ye son of John Bass, & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 13th. May 1706.

Esther ye daughter of Peter Adams and Mary his wife was borne ye 11th. August 1706.

Elisabeth, ye daughter of Lt. Coll. Edmund Quinsey and Dorothy his wife was born ye 17th. day of October 1706.

Ruth ye daughter of Samuel Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye 28th. day of May 1706.

Thomas the son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was born ye 27th. day October 1706.

Benjamin the son of John Ruggle and Mercy his wife was born the 23^d. day of September 1706.

Deborah the daughter of Samuel White and Deborah his wife was born ye 5th. day of April 1703.

Hannah the daughter of Samuel White and Deborah his wife was born the 11th. day of December, 1704.

Samuel, the son of Samuel White and Deborah his wife was born the 4th. day of December 1706.

Susannah, y^e daughter of Benjamin Hobart and Susannah his wife was borne y^e 3^d day of December 1706.

Joseph the son of Joseph Brackett and Mehetable his wife was born the fifth day of May 1705.

Abigail y^e daughter of Thomas White & Mehetable his wife was born y^e 23^d. day of February 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

Kathrine y^e daughter of Gregory Belchar and Elisabeth his wife was born y^e 24th. December 1706.

Sheffield the son of John Marshall & Mary his wife was born y^e 16th. day of July 1706, dyed sept 2, 1708

Samuel the son of Thomas French & Elizabeth his wife was born y^e September 1706

Mary y^e daughter of Nathaniel Mills & Mary his wife was born y^e 29th. day of August 1706.

Allexander the son of John Mash and sarah his wife was born y^e 4th day of November 1705

Edward y^e son of Edward Adams & Rachell his wife was born the 1st. Day of March 1707=1707:

Ann y^e daughter of Mr William Rawson and Sarah his wife was born y^e 9th. August 1707.

Barnabus y^e son of Samuel Baxter & Mary his wife was born y^e 31st. day of March 1707.

Richard the son of Joseph Brackett & Mehetable his wife was born the 9th. September 1707.

[92] Samuel the son of Jabez Puffer and mary his wife was born, y^e 12th. day of October 1707.

Naphtali y^e son of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born y^e 30th. January 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

Richard, the son of Peter Webb, & Amee his wife was born the 3^d. day of May 1707.

Ruth y^e daughter of Ebenezer Thayer & Ruth his wife was born y^e 26th. day of June 1707.

Samuel the Son of Benjamin Allin And Sarah his wife was born y^e 2^d day of July 1707.

Abigail y^e daughter of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye eighth day of November 1706.

Clement the son of Samuel Hayden and Mary his wife was born ye 14th. Day of October 1707.

William ye son of William Savel & Sarah his wife was born ye 5th. day of January 1708.

Sarah ye daughter of Moses Penniman and Mary his wife was born ye 24th. Day of January 1708.

Hepzibah ye daughter of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife born ye 15th day of December 1707.

Edward ye son of Moses Curtis and Dorathy his wife was born ye 30, November 1707.

Martha, ye daughter of Thomas Childe & Ruth his wife was borne (at Braintree) 18th. day of March 1708.

Richard ye son of Richard Russ and Elisabeth his wife was born ye Tenth day of March 1708.

Sarah ye daughter of Thomas Wells & Mercy his wife was born

James the son of James Penniman & Abigail his wife was born ye 1st. December 1708.

Thomas the son of Nathaniel Spear and Hannah his wife was born ye 16th. August 1707

Sarah ye daughter of Nathaniel Owen and Mary his wife was born ye 3^d. May 1708.

Timothy the son of Benjamin Webb and susannah his wife was born ye 29th. Day of June 1708.

William ye son of Samuel Speare & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 8th. day of June 1708.

Susannah ye daughter of Nathaniel Mills & Mary his wife was born ye 23^d. July 1708.

Hannah, ye daughter of Samuel Penniman & Ellin his wife was born y^e 11th. August 1708.

Peter y^e son of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born the 12th. Day of July 1708.

James y^e son of Joseph Allen & Abigail his wife was born y^e 12th. Day of July 1708.

Benjamin Thayer y^e son of Benjamin Thayer and Margrett his wife was born the 23^d. February 170$\frac{7}{8}$.

Hepzibah y^e daughter of Samuel White & Deborah his wife born 28th. March 1709.

[93] Mary y^e daughter of Samuel Allin & Abigail his wife was born y^e 24th. day of September 1708.

Peter y^e son of Peter Dieuse & Mary his wife was born the 8th. day of November 1708.

Elisabeth y^e daughter of Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife was born y^e 9th. day of December 1708.

Lydia, y^e daughter of Samuel Veasey & Deborah his wife was born y^e 9th. Day of January 170$\frac{8}{9}$.

Benjamin y^e son of William Copeland and Mary his wife was born y^e 5th. October 1708.

Abigail y^e daughter of John Sanders & Susannah his wife was born y^e 1st. Day of June 1707.

Joseph y^e son of Benjamin White & Mary his wife was born the 12th Day of August 1704.

Mary y^e daughter of Benjamin White & Mary his wife was born 14th. February 1706.

Sarah, ye daughter of Benjamin White & Mary his wife was born the 18th. March 1709.

Mary ye daughter of Benjamin Beall & Hannah his wife was born ye 17th. Day of April 1709.

Dorathy ye Daughter of Edmund Quinsey Esqr. & M^s Dorathy his wife was born ye 4th. January 1709.

Sarah ye daughter of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife was born ye 15th. April 1709.

Mehitable ye daughter of Peter Adams and Mary his wife was born ye 25th. Day of November 1708

Benjamin the son of Gregory Belcher & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 17th. May 1709.

Peter the son of Benjamin Hobart & Susanna his wife was born the 3^d. Day of April 1709.

Benjamin Webb, Voted, Clerk, July 19th. 1709.

Paul, the son of Samuel Baxter and Mary his wife was borne August 26th. 1709.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Elkanah Wales & Elizabeth his wife was borne August 31st. 1709.

Samuel the Son of Peter Webb and Amy his wife was borne March 24th. 1709.

John the son of Daniel Legare & Ruth his wife was borne October 3^d. 1709.

Joseph the son of Josiah Belcher and Margret his wife was borne November ye 1st. 1709.

William, the son of John Vesey and Elizabeth his wife was borne November 27th. 1709.

Hannah the daughter of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was borne October 25, 1709.

Jonathan the son of Jabez Puffer, & Mary his wife was born November 2^d. 1709, and dyed the ninth day of the same month.

[94] Nathaniel, the son of Nathaniel Wales & Esther his wife was borne Decemb^r. 10th. 1709.

Samuel, the son of Samuel Howard & Mary his wife was borne Decemb^r. 26th. 1709.

Abijah, the son of Benjamin Neal and Lydia his wife was borne Decemb^r. 22, 1709.

Mehitebil the Daughter of Joseph Ruggles and Susanna his wife was borne Feb: 4, 1709/10.

James the Son of Nathan Bracket and Hannah his wife was borne November 3^d. 1709.

Colate the Daughter of Samuel Vining & Sarah his wife was borne March 10th. 1708/9.

Mary the Daughter of Benjamin Howard, and Mary his wife was borne Feb: 7th. 1708/9

Ephraim Jones, the Son of Ephraim Jones and Mary his wife was borne April 23d. 1709.

Ruth the daughter of Edmund Littlefield and Elizabeth his wife was borne March 6th. 1709/10

Alice the daughter of Joseph Bracket and Mehitibil his wife was borne Febr. 28th 1709/10

Joseph ye son of ye Reverend Mr. Joseph Marsh and Ms Ann his wife was born 7 Decembr. 1710.

Hannah ye daughter of Benjamin Hayward & Mary his wife was born 15th. October 1710.

Abijah the son of Thomas French, & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 25th. May 1709.

Susannah ye daughter of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was born ye 26 March 1710.

Hannah Blanchard, the Daughter of Nathaniel Blanchard and Dorathy his wife was born ye 14 March 1709/10

Priscila ye daughter of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah his wife was born the 7th. March 1710.

Moses, the son of William Copeland & Mary his wife born the 28th. day of May 1710.

Increase the son of John Niel & Margreet his wife was born ye fifth of February 1704.

Hannah, ye daughter of John Niel & Margreet his wife was born ye 19 September 1705.

John the son of John Niel & Margreet his wife was born ye 17th. March 1708.

Nathan the son of John Niel & Margreet his wife was born ye 17th. March 1710.

Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel Thayer and Relief his wife was born ye 7th. October 1709.

Samuel the son of Samuel Penniman and Ellin his wife was born ye 24th. February 1710.

Josiah the son of Edmund Qinsey Esqr. and Dorathy his wife was born the 1st. April 1710.

John ye son of Samuel Speare & Elizabeth his wife was born the 8th. day of April 1710.

Thomas, the son of Richard Faxson, & Anna his wife was born the 29 October 1710.

[95] Samuel, the son of Samuel White and Anna his wife was born the 2d. Day of April 1710.

John the son of Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 28th Day of March, 1710.

Joseph the son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born ye. 1st. Day of October 1706.

Benjamin ye Son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born ye. 18th Day of March, 170$\frac{8}{9}$.

John the son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born ye 28th. Day of February 1709/10

Theophilus y^e son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born the 15th. Day of July 1710.

Elizabeth, y^e daughter of Ebenezer Thayer & Ruth his wife was born y^e 12th. October, 1709.

Thomas y^e son of Thomas Wells & Mercy his wife was born the

Richard the son of Samuel Hayden and Mary his wife was born ye 1st day of August 1710.

Elizabeth ye Daughter of John Sanders & Susannah his wife was born y^e. 22^d. day of January 1710.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin White & Mary his wife born ye 2^d. September 1710.

Thomas the son of John Hollis and Mary his wife was born 13 March 1710.

Benjamin the son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was born ye 20th. November 1710.

Mary the Daughter of Nehemiah Hayden and Mary his wife was born 1st. September 1707.

Nehemiah the son of Nehemiah Hayden & Mary his wife was born 16 day of April 1709.

Jonathan ye son of Peter Webb & Amee his wife was born 13 October 1710.

Abraham, ye son of Richard Russ and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 20th. February 1711.

Samuel the son of Samuel Veasey and Deborah his wife was born ye 8th. Day of January 1711.

Jedidiah ye son of Peter Adams & Mary his wife was born ye 21st. January 1710.

Jonathan ye son of Samuel Allin and Abigail his wife was born ye 8th day of February 1711.

Jonathan ye son of Jonathan Newcomb and Deborah his wife was born y^e. 13th. May 1711.

Samuel ye son of Samuel White & Deborah his wife was born ye 22^d July, 1710.

Bathsheba ye Daughter of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye first of August 1710.

William ye son of Mr William Rawson & Sarah his wife was born ye 20th. February 1711.

Benjamin ye son of Samuel Savel & Mary his Wife was born the 8th. Day of June 1711.

Caleb the son of Joseph Adams & Elisabeth his wife was born the 26 May 1710, and dyed the 4th. Day of June next following.

[96] Sarah the Daughter of John Haines and Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. Day of July 1711.

Nathaniel ye son of Nathaniel Mills and Mary his wife was born ye 30th. March, 1711.

Thomas the son of Benjamin Allin and Sarah his wife was born ye July ye 6th 1711

John, the son of John Niel and Kathrine his wife was born the 29th. Day of June 1706.

Jane ye daughter of John Niel and Kathrine his wife was born ye fourth Day of October 1710.

John Allin the son of John Allin and Sarah his wife was born the 19th. Day of May 1711.

Jonathan, ye son of Jabez Puffer & Mary his wife was born ye 22d. Day of October 1711.

Elkanah the son of Elkanah Wales and Elisabeth his wife was born ye 19th. Day of October 1711.

Samuel ye son of ye Reverend Mr. Samuel Niel and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 14th. May 1711.

Samuel, ye son of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. October 1711.

Mary ye daughter of John Veasey and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 21st. August 1711.

Ebenezer the son of Thomas French and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 9th. September 1711.

Anne the daughter of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born ye 20th. November, 1711.

Frances the son of Daniel Legaree & Ruth his wife was born the 31st. December, 1711.

Margreet the daughter of Nathaniel Spear, & Hannah his wife was born ye 16th. August 1710.

Dorcas the daughter of Thomas Vinton and Hannah his wife was born ye 7th. January, 1711/12.

Mary ye daughter of Ephraim Jones & Mary his wife was born ye 12 April 1711.

Zebulan the son of Benjamin Thayer & Margreet his wife was born ye 29th. August 1711.

Isaiah the son of Richard Thayer and Mary his wife was born ye 5th. November 1711.

John ye son of Captain John Tomas & Lydia his wife was born 27 February 179/10.

Nathaniel the son of Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard and Elisabeth his wife was born 8th. February 1711/12

Abigail the daughter of Gregory Belcher & Elisabeth his wife was born 24th. May 1711.

[97] Joanna the daughter of Nathaniel Wales and Esther his wife was born the 5th. April 1711.

Josiah the son of Nathan Brackett and Hannah his wife was born the first Day of April 1712.

Anna the daughter of Joseph Brackett & Mehetable his wife was born the 22d. February 1712.

John the son of John Sanders and Susannah his wife born 24th. March 1712.

Peter Dyer the son of John Dyer & Hannah Dyer his wife was born ye 4th. day of February 1711.

Margreet the daughter of James Murch & Margreet his wife was born 31 March 1712.

Bethiah the Daughter of Samuel Penniman & Ellin his wife was born the 17th. March, 1712.

Eliner, the daughter of Moses Penniman & Mary his wife was born ye 15th. May 1712.

Rebecca the daughter of William Field and Rebeccah his wife was born the 15th. June 1712.

Wilson Mash ye son of John Mash & Sarah his wife was born ye 29th. August 1711.

Peter the son of Peter Newcomb and Mary his wife was born, 22d July 1712, & dyed 5th. August following.

James the son of Ephraim Thayer & Sarah his wife was born ye 16th. March 1712, being the eighth son

Esther ye Daughter of Benjamin Webb and Susannah, his wife was born the 1st April 1712.

Anna Carew ye daughter of Thomas Carew and Anna his wife was born the 25th. October 1712.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Parmenter and Hannah, his wife was born 16th. December 1712.

Samuel the son of Thomas Holbrook & Mary his wife was born the 29th. Day of April 1711.

Lydia ye Daughter of Nathaniel Spear & Hannah his wife was born the 5th. February 1712/13.

Sarah ye daughter of Peter Webb & Amee his wife was born ye 14th. August 1712.

John the son of Jonathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born 19th. February 1712/13.

Joseph the son of Joseph Nightingal & Hannah his wife was born the seventh day of February 1712/13.

Mary the daughter of Daniel Legaree and Ruth his wife was born the 21st. December 1712.

Hannah the daughter of Ebenezer Nightingal and Hannah his wife was born ye 25th. October, 1712, at Milton, but desired to be here entered.

Ashley ye son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born the 18th. February 1712.

Daniel the son of Edmund Littlefield and Bethiah his wife was born the 13th. October 1712.

Mary the daughter of Nathaniel Blanchard and Dorathy his, wife was born ye 22d. February 1713.

[98] RECORDS OF DEATHS.

Obadiah Owin the son of Josiah Owin and Hanah his wife departed this life upon the 22d. day of Aprill 1695.

Samuel Tompson Senior Deacon of Braintry Church for 16 years died June 18, 1695, Aged 64 years.

Mary Ruggles daughter of John Ruggles senior died 7th July, 1695 aged 20 years.

Deacon Robert Parmeter died June 27th. 1696, aged 74 years

Richard Thayer senr. died 27, August 1695.

Samuel Veazy, son of William and Mary Vezy died November 5th. 1695 aged about 8 years.

Mehetabel Copeland wife of Thomas Copeland aged about 30 years died 2d. of November, Anno Dom: 1695.

Edward Clark son of Joseph Clerk died in September 1695 leaving his eight brothren in teares.

Mr. Joseph Crosbey died November 26, 1695

Elizabeth Harbour dyed December 9th. 1695.

Caleb Hubbard son of Josiah Hubbard and Mary his wife dyed 1 March 169$\frac{5}{6}$ aged 7 weeks.

Abigail Bass, wife of John Bass Junr. died October 26th. 1696 aged 37 years.

[99] Mr. Samuel Tompson, Deacon of Brantry Church 16 years and standing elected for a Ruling elder died June 18th. 1695, Aged 64 years.

Lievt. Robert Tweld who erected the South Church at Boston died March 9th. 169$\frac{6}{7}$ Aged 77 or thereabout.

Mr. Benjamin Tompson, Practitioner of Physick for above thirty years during which time hee kept a Gram. School in Boston, Charlestowne and Brantry, having left behind him a weary world, eight Children 28 grand children, and deceased April 13th. 1714 and lieth buried in Roxbury Atatis sue, 72, being youngest son of Revd. Mr. William Tompson by his Beloved Abigail who died while Mr. Tompson was in Virginia wh. Revd. Mr Kno-[wles.]

Ruth Newcomb wife of John Newcomb died June 1697 aged 61.

William Howard dyed 26th. of March Anno Dom. 169$\frac{6}{7}$

Hannah Sanders wife of John Sanders died 30th July 1697.

Grindal Rawson son of Mr. William Rawson and Mrs. Ann his wife died Octobr. 15th. 1697.

Samuell Crane ye son of Ebenezer Crane & Mary his wife dyed March 166$\frac{6}{7}$.

[100] The Worshipfull & honoured Colonel Edmund Quinsey one of his Majesties Justices of Peace died January the seventh Anno Dom: 169$\frac{7}{8}$. Anno etatis sue 70 aut Cariter.

Deaths. Births below.

Moses Payne son of Moses Payn & Mary his wife died 12th. September 1697.

Lt. Allexander Marsh dyed the seventh day of March Anno Domi. 1698.

Ann Hobart ye Daughter of Benjamin Hobart & Susannah his wife dyed ye 9th. October 1700.

Gideon Tower ye son of John Tower & sarah his wife dyed ye 26th. October 1698.

Thomas Holbrook died the 22 July 1697.

Bethiah Webb, the wife of John Webb dyed October the 6th Anno Dom: 1698

Mary Wright daughter of Samuel Wright & Mary his wife died the 16th. day of July 1699.

Rebecca Ruggle ye daughter of John Ruggle and mercy his wife dyed ye second day of July anno Dom: 1699.

David the son of Benjamin Webb and Susannah his wife dyed the 15th. January Anno Dom. 1699.

Joseph Webb son of Peter Webb & Ruth his wife was born 17 June, Anno Dom. 1696.

Priscilla Webb ye daughter of Peter Webb & Ruth his wife was born September ye 1st. Anno Dom. 1697.

Mary Webb ye daughter of Peter Webb & Ruth his wife born ye 5, October 1698.

Ruth Webb, ye wife of [Peter] Webb died June

[101] Thomas Thayer of this Town died the ninth day of August 1693, Aged 69.

Anna Thayer wife of Thomas Thayer abovs^d. deceased Ffebe. 7th. 169⅞ Aged about 73.

Thomas Thayer son of Ebenezer Thayer & Ruth his wife was borne 19th. of Ffebruary 169⅞, and hee died April 16, 1697

Hannah Adams daughter of Joseph Adams and Hannah his wife was borne Ffebruary 21, 169⅞.

Steven Cleverly son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was borne January the 25th. Anno Dom: 169⅞.

Josiah Hubart, the son of Josiah Hobart and Mary his wife was borne the 24th. of May 1697 upon the second day of the week.

Sarah Curtis dyed ye 17 november 1698.

Nathanael the son of Nathanael Mills & Mary his wife dyed the 10th. day of September 1706.

Mary Bass y^e wife of Joseph Bass, died the 2^d day of November 1707.

William Savel y^e son of William Savel & Sarah, wife dyed y^e 19th. November, 1708.

Jonathan y^e son of Peter Webb and Amee his wife dyed y^e 12 October 17$\frac{10}{11}$.

Elizabeth Mills Aged about 81 years Dyed y^e 18 August 1711.

Hannah y^e wife of Samuel French dyed the 4th. February 17$\frac{11}{12}$

Elkanah the son of Elkanah Wales & Elizabeth his wife dyed the 11th. day of February 1711/12

Ann y^e daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife died y^e first day of February 1712.

Sarah Tompson the daughter of Samuel Tompson and Hannah his wife died the first day of October 1713.

Rachel the Daughter of Samuel Payn & Rachel his wife died 22^d December 171

The Rev^d. Mr. Joseph Marsh died the sixth day of March 1726.

[102] A Record of Deaths.

Henry Neale ye son of Benjamin Neale and Lydia his wife died ye 2^d November 1697.

Jerusha ye daughter of Benjamin Neale, & Lydia his wife dyed the 8th day of march 1706

Deacon Joseph Penniman dyed ye 5th. November 1705.

Edmund Sheffield My very aged & ever honoured Father in Law was gathered to his fathers in Peace in a good as well as great old Age (being about 90 years,) the thirteenth day October, 1705.

Joseph Puffer dyed who was ye son of James Puffer & Mary his wife the fouerth day of October 1699.

Mary Rawson daughter of Mr. William Rawson and Ann his wife died 28 February 1698.

Mercy Copeland wife of Thomas Copeland dyed Twentyeth day of February 1699.
William Belcher son of Samuel Belcher & Comfort his wife died August ye 3^d Anno Dom. 1699.
Laurence Copeland a verry aged man born in the Reign of our Gracious Soverreigne Queen Elizabeth of Blessed memory December ye 30th. 1699.
William Savel Dyed the 1st. day of February Anno Dom. 1700.
Joseph Wright son of Samuel Wright & Mary his wife dyed ye 5th. day of May 1700.
Benjamin Wright son of Samuel Wright & Mary his wife dyed ye 6th. day of May 1700.
Mary Puffer An aged woman dyed ye 22^d. July 1700.
Samuel Penniman died the 1st. October 1700.
John Staple dyed ye 5th. November 1700.
Samuel Savel Dyed ye 14th. December 1700.
Wm Owen Dyed ye 17th. January 1702.
Joannah ye wife of Elder Nathaniel Wales Dyed May 11th. 1704 as by ye acc^t of (Dea) Thomas Wales.
Benjamin ye son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife dyed ye 31 May 17
[103] Thomas the son of Thomas Thayer & Abigail his wife dyed ye 13th. September 1704.
William Thayer, ye son of Thomas Thayer & Abigail his wife dyed the 17th. September 1704.
John Marshall the son of John Marshall & Mary his wife Dyed ye 6th. day of October 1702, aged eight years & 22 dayes.
James Turbefield the son of James Turbefield & Mercy his wife dyed ye 27 day of February 1704.
Eleazer ye son of Ebenezer Thayer and Ruth his wife dyed ye 13th. day of April 1704.
Ruth ye daughter of Ebenezer Thayer & Ruth his wife dyed ye 19th. of August 1704.
Lt. Samuel Penniman Dyed ye 16th. day of January 1704/5
James ye son of James Turbefield & Mercy his wife dyed ye 27th. February 1704.
Richard Thayer dyed ye fourth day of December 1705.
Dorathy Thayer dyed ye 11th. day of December 1705
Hannah Adams dyed ye 24th. day of October 1705.
Allaxander ye son of John Mash & Sarah his wife dyed the 26th. January 1706.
Joseph Penniman dyed ye 28 January 1706.
Hannah Webb ye daughter of John Webb Dyed 26 December 1705
William Linfeild dyed ye 27 February 1707.
Thomas Thayer dyed an untimely death 7th. December 1705.
the child of John Dyers dyed ye 15th. April 1705.
Mary ye wife of Samuel Bass dyed ye 9th. March 1706.
Timothy Everett dyed ye 12th. day of March 1706.
Leah Parmenter Dyed ye 24th. March 1706, Aged about 86.
Samuel Thayer, Dyed ye 2^d day of April 1706.

Thomas White, dyed ye eleventh day of April 1706.
James Turbefield dyed ye eleventh day of April 1706.
Nathaniel Copeland the son of Thomas & Mary Copeland dyed the 11th. day of May 1706.
Thomas Copeland dyed the 6th day of June 1706.
Mary Nash, dyed the 7th. day of June 1706.
Anna ye daughter of Samuel Belchar & Comfort his wife dyed the third day of August 1706.
John the son of John Payne dyed an untimely death, accidentally shooting of him self the
Mrs. Anne Fiske, Dyed ye 24th. July 1708.
The Rev^{d}. Mr. Moses Fiske dyed ye 10th. August 1708.
Elizabeth Newcomb Dyed 14th. February 1708.
Samuel ye son of Samuel White & Deborah his wife was born 22 July 1710.
Bathsheba ye daughter of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born ye 1st. August 1710.
[104] Samuel, ye son of Samuel White & Deborah his wife was born the 26th. day of August 1712
Eleazer, the son of Eleazer Veasey and Lydia his wife was born the 23 April 1713.
William, the son of William Savel & Sarah his wife was born ye 28 May 1713.
Daniel, ye Son of John niel & margreet his wife was born ye 24 October 1712.
Katharine ye daughter of John Niel & Katharine his wife was born ye 10th. Day of october 1712.
Susannah, ye daughter of Benjamin Allin and Sarah his wife was born ye 20th. Day of May 1713.
Samuel, and Joseph sons of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife being twins were born ye 16 May 1713.
Joseph, ye son of John Cleverly and Hannah his wife was born the 14th. Day of April 1713.
Mary ye Daughter of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born the 28th. May 1713.
Mary Blanchard ye Daugh^{tr}. of Nathl. Blanchrd. & Dorothy his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 1712/3.
Josiah y^{e} son of Joseph Allen & Abigail his wife was born the 31 day of March 1713.
Mary the Daughter of y^{e} Rev. Mr. Samuel Niel & Elizabeth his wife wife was born the 27 May 1713.
Mary y^{e} Daughter of Richard Faxson & Anna his wife was born the 8th. March 17$\frac{12}{13}$.
Bethiah y^{e} daughter of Peter Adams & Mary his wife was born the 3^{d}. day of July 1713.
Elizabeth, y^{e} daughter of Nathaniel Mills & Mary his wife was born the 7th. August, 1713.
Patience the Daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born the first Day of May 1713.
John the son of Thomas Wells & Mercy his wife was born ye 20th. June 1713.

Jeremiah, the son of Richard Thayer and Susannah his wife was born 22d June 1713.

Peter, the son of Peter Newcom & Mary his wife was born the 2d. September 1713.

Perne the son of Mr. William Rawson and Sarah his wife was born the 3d. day of October 1713.

Deborah, the Daughter of Jonathan Newcomb and Deborah his wife was born the 16 august 1713.

Abigail, the Daughter of Ephraim Thayer and Sarah his wife was born the 15 November 1713.

John the son of Samuel Hayward & Mary his wife was born the 19 December 1713

Mary the Daughter of Richard Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 26 September 1713.

[105] John Veasey, son of Samuel Veasey & Deborah his wife was born 3d November 1713.

Moses, the son of John Mash & Sarah his wife was born 1 January 1713/14.

Frances the son of John Veasey & Elizabeth his wife was born 1st. Day January 1713/14.

Dorcas, the Daughter of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife was born 17 August 1713.

Mary the Daughter of Richard Clark and Mary his wife was born the eighth Day of December 1713.

Ambrose, the son of Jabez Searl and Thankful his wife was born 11 February 1713/14.

Mary the Daughter of Samuel Copeland and Mary his wife was born 7th. July 1713.

Esther, the Daughter of Edmund Quincey Esqr. and Ms. Dorathy his wife was born the 22d. September 1713.

Ebenezer, the son of Mr. Ebenezer Hinckley & Ms. Mary his wife was born 14 March 1713/14.

Sarah the daughter of William Field & Sarah his wife was born the 5th. April 1714.

Esther the Daughter of Saml. Allen & Abigail his wife was born 27th. September 1713.

Isaac, the son of John Allin & Sarah his wife was born the 26th. Day of October 1713.

Benjamin, the son of Benjamin Hayward, and Mary his wife was born 29 March 1713.

John the Son of George Chesman and Jane his wife was born, 31 May 1713.

Samuel Baxters Two Twins a son & a daughter by Deborah his wife were born & dyed the last week in november 1713.

Hannah Russ, the Daughter of Richard Russ, & Elizabeth his wife was born the 20th. Day of June 1714.

Samuel, the son of Elkanah Wales & Elizabeth his wife was born, the 7th. June 1714.

Mary ye Daughter of Thomas Reed and Sarah his wife was born the 2d. day of May 1714.

Binnoni the son of Samuel Spear & Elizabeth his wife was born 23d July 1714.

Thomas and Rachel both twins the son & Daughter of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was born 22 August 1714.

Sarah ye daughter of Thomas French & Elizabeth his wife was born the 16th. February 1714.

Mehitable the Daughter of Benjamin Owen & Mehetable his wife was born the first day of September 1714.

Rachel, the Daughter of Samuel Payn & Rachel his wife was born 22 December 1711 & dyed same day.

Rachel, the Daughter of Samuel Payn & Rachel his wife was born 21st. Septembr. 1712

Samuel the son of Samuel Payn & Rachel his wife was born the 26th. day of August 1714. (copied 1823)

Israel ye son of Benjamin Hobart & Susannah his wife was born 15th. April 1713.

William French ye son of William French & Sarah his wife born 13 February 1714.

Hannah the Daughter of Benjamin Parmenter and Hannah his wife was born the 6th Day of October 1714.

Josiah the son of John Ruggle & Mercy his wife was born ye 2d August 1714.

Mary the daughter of John Heins & Sarah his wife was born the 4th. day of November, 1714.

Mary the daughter of Samuel Savel & Mary his wife was born the 3d. of October 1714.

David the son of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born 14th. September 1714.

Eleazer the son of Eleazer Veasey & Lydia his wife was born the 26th. day of November 1714.

Sarah the daughter of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born the 17th. February 1712.

Daniel the son of Joseph White and Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. April 1714.

John the son of John French & Mary his wife was born the 25th. December, 1714.

Dependance the son of John French, & Mary his wife was born the 25th. December 1714 ye same time being both twins.

Mary ye daughter of Capt. John Thomas and Lydia his wife was born ye 28th. November, 1714.

Esther the Daughter of Edmund Littlefield and Bethiah his wife was born the 6th. November, 1714.

Marah the daughter of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born 21st. December 1714/15

Elizabeth the Daughter of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born the 13th. November 1714.

Nathaniel the son of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife was born ye 18th. February 1714/15.

John the son of John Beall and Anna his wife was born 5th. Day of December 1710.

Sarah the Daughter of John Beall and Anna his wife was born 23d. April 1712.

Anna the Daughter of John Beall & Anna his wife was born the 13th. December 1714.

Hannah the Daughter of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born 19th. January 1715/19.

Anne the daughter of Nathaniel Hubbard and Elizabeth his wife was born 12th. November 1713.

Deborah the daughter of Nathaniel Owen & Deborah his wife was born the 9th. day of May 1715.

Sarah the daughter of John Cleverly & Hannah his wife was born the 28th. April 1715.

Susannah the daughter of Roger Wilson and Hannah his wife was born the 27th. April 1715.

Moses the son of Moses Peniman & Mary his wife was born the First Day of June 1715.

[106] Thankful ye daughter of Nathaniel Spear & Thankful his wife was born the 25th. March 1715.

Elizabeth the daughter of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife was born the 10th. March 1715

Sarah the daughter of George Chesman & Jane his wife was born the Twelfth day of January, 1714/15

Bethiah the daughter of John Niel & Margreet his wife was born the 2d. Day of April 1715.

Joseph ye son of Joseph Spear & Anne his wife was born ye 10th day of August 1715.

Nathan the son of Nathan Clark and Jemimah his wife was born ye 17th. April 1704.

Susannah, the daughter of Nathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born the 9th. May 1706.

Bethiah the Daughter of Nathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born in August 1708.

Jerusha the Daughter of Nathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born the 13th. March 1711.

Sarah the Daughter of Nathan Clark and Jemimah his wife was born the 11th. October 1713.

John the son of Nathaniel Blanchard & Dorathy his wife was born the 22d. Day of March 1715.

William the son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born the 22d. Day of August 1715.

Ellinor the Daughter of Samuel Penniman and Ellin his wife was born the 1st. January 1714 15.

Desire the Daughter of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 22d. October 1715.

Abigail ye Daughter of Thomas Holbrook & Mary his wife was born ye 8th. Day of September 1715.

Ruth the Daughter of Thomas White & Mary his wife was born ye 17th. Day of February 1715.

Mary the Daughter of David Bass and Mary his wife, was born 1st day of December 1715

Joseph the son of Benjamin Hayward and Mary his wife was born the 15th. October 1715

John the son of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife was born ye 20th December 1715.

Nathaniel ye son of ye Revd Mr. Samuel Niel and Ms. Elizabeth his wife was born ye 2 February 1715/16.

Samuel the son of Samuel Hayden & Pricilla his wife was born the 20th. January 1715/16.

Hannah ye daughter of ye Rev. Mr. Joseph Marsh & Ms Anne his wife was born ye 10 February 1715/16.

Abigail ye daughter of John Niel & Katherine his wife was born the 7th. July 1714.

John ye son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife was born the 18th. February 1715/16.

Lydia the daughter of Jonathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born ye 28th. February 1715/16.

Sarah, ye daughter of John Hollis & Mary his wife born 20 August 171

[108] Lydia ye daughter of Benjamin Allin and Sarah his wife was born the 9th. February 1715/16.

James the son of Richard Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 4th. October 1715/16.

Moses, the son of Moses Belcher & Anne his wife was born the 8th. Day of March 1715/16.

Samuel the son of Samuel Baxter & Deborah his wife was born ye eleventh Day of July 1715

Rachel the daughter of Thomas White & Mary his wife was born ye 14th. April 1716.

Abigail Daughter of John Wild & Abigail his wife was born 21st. February 1716.

Jonathan the son of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born the 26th Day of December 1715

Anna ye daughter of Joseph Brackett and Mehetable his wife was born ye 22d. February 1711.

Joseph Bracket the son of Joseph Bracket & Mehetable his wife was born the 23 February 1714.

Joseph the son of Joseph Sawin & Lydia his wife was born 23d. October 1715.

Lydia ye Daughter of Benjamin Owen & Mehetable his wife was born the 13th. Day of March 1716.

Nathaniel, the son of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was born the 21, November 1684.

Benjamin the son of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was, born the 1st. November 1691.

Joseph the son of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was born the 3 day of January 1695.

William, the son of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was born the 30th Day of January 1697.

John the son of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was born the 13th. Day of April 1699.

Mary the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen & Mary his wife was born the 15th. February 1702.

William the son of William Field & Sarah his wife was born the 29th. Day of June 1716.

Joseph the son of Jonathan Newcomb and Deborah his wife was born the 2d July 1716.

Joseph the son of Thomas French & Mary his wife was born the 21, July 1716.

Joseph the son of Benjamin Parmenter & Hannah his wife was born the 20th. August 1716.

Rachel ye Daughter of Thomas White & Mary his wife was born the 14th day of April 1716.

Nathan ye son of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was born the 14th. day of April 1716.

Mary ye daughter of John Marsh & Sarah his wife was born, the 12th. 1716.

[109] Rachel the Daughter William Rawson & Sarah his wife was borne ye 19th. September 1716.

Timothy ye son of William Hunt & Sarah his wife was born ye 9th. August 1716.

Bethiah, the daughter of John Allin & Sarah his wife was born the 23d day of March 1716.

Job, the son of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife was born 28th. June 1716.

Jeremiah ye son of Cornelius Thayer & Abigail his wife was born ye 20th. Day of August 1716.

Sarah ye Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born ye 14th. Day of September 1716.

Abigail ye Daughter of Richard Faxon and Anna his wife was born 26th. July 1715.

Seth the son of Thomas French & Elizabeth his wife was born, 25th. October, 1716.

Elizabeth the daughter of Nathaniel Thayer and Relief his wife born 11th. September 1711.

Josiah the son of Nathaniel Thayer and Relief his wife was born the 31 November 1713.

Caleb the son of Nathaniel Thayer and Relief his wife was born the 10th day of February 1716.

Jeremiah the son of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was, born 22d. June 1713.

Enos the son of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was born the 30 January 1716.

Benjamin ye son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born the 7th. Day of July 1716.

Josiah Veasey son of John Veasey & Elizabeth his wife was born the 1st. Day of November 1716.

Joshua the son of Benjamin Hobart & Susannah his wife was born the 5th May 1716.

Thomas the son of John Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 2d April 1715.

Joannah the Daughter of John Thayer and Mary his wife was born the 1st. Decembr. 1716.

Deborah the Daughter of Samuel Veasey and Deborah his wife was born 2d October 1716.

Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel Spear and Thankful his wife was born the 1st. November 1616.

Ruth the daughter of Joseph Tower & Ruth his wife born 16th. March 1711.

Hannah the Daughter of Joseph Tower & Ruth his wife born 18th. September 1713.

Sarah ye Daughter of Joseph Tower & Ruth his wife born 18th February 1716.

Ruth Hunt the daughter of John Hunt and Hannah his wife was born the 14th. Day of January 1716/17

Jedadiah the son of Peter Newcomb and Mary his wife was born the 15th. day of January 1716/17.

[110] Shove the son of Nathaniel Mills & Mary his wife was born the 28th. February 1716/17

Mary the daughter of Roger Wilson and Hannah his wife was born the 12th. day of January 1716/17

Hannah the Daughter of Ebenezer Spear and Hannah, his wife was born the 16th. day of January 1712.

Mary the Daughter of Ebenezer Spear & Hannah his wife was born the 20 July 1715.

Mary the Daughter of David Clarke & Ruth his wife was borne the 27th. May 1716.

Joseph the son of Joseph Nightingal and Hannah his wife was born 22d. March 1717.

John the son of John Bass, and Hannah his wife was born the 26th. March, 1717.

Nathaniel, the son of Elkanah Wales & Elizabeth his wife was born the 11th. April 1717.

Caleb, the son of Samuel Hayward & Mary his wife was born the 16th. Day of April 1717.

Charles the son of Samuel Baxter & Deborah his wife was born the 25th. Day of April 1717.

Elijah the son of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born 5th. February 1717.

Mary the daughter of Nathan Brackett & Hannah his wife was born 20th. Feb. 1717

Mehetable, the daughter of Joseph Allin & Abigail his wife was born the 30th day of May 1717.

Mary ye daughter of Nathaniel Owen & Deborah his wife was born ye 27th. Day of March 1717.

Samuel the son of John Marsh and Sarah his wife was born the 9th May 1717.

Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Nightingal and Hannah his wife was born the 16th. Day of August 1717.

Mary the daughter of William Hunt and Sarah his wife was born the 16th. August 1717.

Dorcas ye Daughter of Timothy How & Dorcas his wife was born ye 24th. August 1717.

Sarah the Daughter of John Nilles & Margreet his wife was born ye 31st. May 1717.

Rachel the daughter of Daniel Mekusett & Rachell his wife was born the eighth Day of July 1717

Samuel the son of Samuel Spear and Rebekah his wife was born the 28th. March 1716.

John the son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife was born the 27th. July 1717.

Ruth the Daughter of Thomas Faxon and Ruth his wife was born ye 3^d. April 1717.

[111] John the son of Joseph Spear and Ann his wife was born the 27th. May 1717.

Joseph the son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born ye 10th. Day of November, 1717, being the seventh son, all by his said wife.

Hester the Daughter of Nathaniel Wales & Hester his wife born ye 17th. Day of December 1717.

Ephraim the son of Benjamin Hayward & Mary his wife was born ye 29th. October 1717.

Hannah ye daughter of David Bass, & Mary his wife was born the 26th. January 1718.

Deborah ye Daughter of Joseph Ludden & Deborah his wife was born the 13th. September 1717.

Amee ye daughter of Samuel Hayden & Pricilla his wife was, born 26th. August 1717.

Samuel the Son of Samuel Savel & Patience his wife was born the 28th. day of January 1717/18

Mary ye Daughter of the Reverend Mr. Joseph Marsh and Mrs Anne his wife was born 27 January 1717/18.

Isaac the son of Richard Russ & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 9th. February 1718.

Timothy ye son of Benjamin Allen & Sarah his wife was born the 1st. Day of May 1718.

Mary the daughter of Edmund Quinsey Esqr. and Dorathy his wife was born ye 28th. April 1715.

Cippio a negro of Edmund Quinsey Esqr. was born in September 1712.

John the son of Joseph Tower & Ruth his wife was born the 7th February 1717/18.

Anne the daughter of Moses Belcher and Anne his wife was born the 19th. May 1718.

Thomas ye son of John Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 7th. April 1718.

John ye son of John Hunt, and hannah his wife was born the 15th. May 1718.

Ephraim the son of John Delle & Mary his wife was born ye 25th. Day of May 1718.

John the son of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born the 27 Day of May 1718.

Abiel ye daughter of Samuel Penniman & Ellin his wife was born the 5th. day of April 1718.

Stephen the son of Samuel Payne and Rachel his wife was born the 8th. Day of January 1717.

Lydia the daughter of Joseph Sawin and Lydia his wife was born the 3^{d}. day of September 1717

[112] Moses the son of Joseph Brackett and Mehetable his wife was born the 5th. February 1717/18.

Joseph the son of Eliezer Vesey and Lydia his wife was born the third day of July 1718.

David the son of Thomas French & Mary his wife was born the first Day of August 1718.

Anna the daughter of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was born the 23^{d}. may 1718.

John the Son of William Field & Sarah his wife was born the 1st. Day of August 1718.

Anne the Daughter of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was born the 7th. Day of September 1718.

Abigail the daughter of John Heins & Sarah his wife was born the 6th. Day of October 1718.

Hannah the daughter of John French & mary his wife was born the 17th. Day of September 1718.

Hannah the daughter of Nathaniel Spear and Thankful his wife was born the 9th. of October 1718.

Mary the Daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born the 20th day of May 1718.

Gideon the son of Richard Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 16th. Day of June 1718.

Josiah the son of Josiah Faxon & Deborah his wife was born the 1st Day of October 1718.

Richard the son of Richard Faxon & Hannah his wife was born the 2^{d}. day of November 1718.

Rebekah the daughter of John Belcher and Sarah his wife was born the 29th. October 1718.

Daniel ye son of William Wild and Anna his wife was born ye 12th. October 1718.

Hester, the Daughter of John Hollis & Hannah his wife was born August 1718.

Bathsheba, the daughter of Joseph Payne & Sarah his wife was born the 9th. Day of Decemb^{r}. 1718.

William, ye son of William Linfield & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 10th. Day of December 1718.

Mary, y^{e}. Daughter of John Baxter & Huldah his wife was born the 26th. day of January 1719.

Thomas the son of Thomas Fenton & his wife born the 20th. August 1717 lapsd.

Sarah ye Daughter of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife was born 5th. October 1718.

Josiah ye son of Thomas White & Mary his wife was born 1 April 1718.

[113] Mary ye Daughter of Christopher Webb & Anne his wife was born 17 August 1718.

George the son of George Chesman & Jane his wife was born the 3^d day of September 1717 (laps'd too long)

Zechariah ye son of Zecheriah Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 26th. Day of February, 1718/19.

Abigail ye Daughter of Thomas Bolter & Rebecca his wife was born ye 13th. Day of June 1715.

Anne ye Daughter of Thomas Bolter & Rebecca his wife was born ye 27th. Day of March, 1718.

Amee, the daughter of Thomas Faxon & Ruth his wife was born ye 11th. Day of February 1718/19.

Christopher ye son of Samuel Hayden & Pricilla his wife was born ye 18th. February 1719.

Sarah, ye Daughter of John Allin & Sarah his wife was born ye 4th. Day of March, 1718/19.

Rebecca the Daughter of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 16th. March 1718/19.

Susannah, ye daughter of Peter Newcomb & Mary his wife was born the 14th. Day of March 1718/19.

Mary ye Daughter of Peter Newcomb & Mary his wife was born ye 14th. Day of March 1718/19, both Twins.

Benjamin ye son of Jonathan Newcomb & Deborah his wife was born ye 9th. Day of April 1719.

Mary ye daughter of Saml. Hayward & Mary his wife was born ye 25th. Day of April 1719.

Samuel the son of Samuel Wild & bethiah his wife was born the 19th. Day of September 1718.

John ye son of John Wild & Abigail his wife was born ye 18th. Day of March 1719

Sarah the Daughter of Thomas Hunt & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 8th. Day of March 1718/19.

John the son of Nathan Brackett & Hannah his wife born ye 14th. day of April 1719.

Benjamin ye son of Solomon Vesey and Sarah his wife was born the 23^d. May 1719.

Elisha the son of ye Rev^d Mr. Samuel Niles and Mrs. Anne his wife and, Susanna ye daughter of ye Rev^d Mr Samuel Niles and Mrs. Anne his wife, being both twins, were born ye 30th. Day of July 1719.

Clement the son of Ezekiel Crane and Mary his wife was born the 9th. Day of August 1719.

Samuel the son of Moses Belcher & Mary his wife was born the 19th. Day of September 1719.

[114] Anne, the Daughter of John Spear and Anne his wife was born the eighth Day of September 1719.

Hannah, the daughter of Daniel Hogin & Mary his wife was born the 7th. day of July 1715.

Abigail the Daughter of Grise Nickols & Mary Powel born ye 4th. Day of August 1719.

Samuel The son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born the 3d. Day of November 1719.

Benjamin the son of John Bass & Hannah his wife was born, ye 17th. Day of September, 1719.

Lydia the daughter of Ebenezer White & Lydia his wife, was, born the second Day of September 1716.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Ebenezer White & Lydia his wife was born 20th. April 1713.

Ebenezer, the son of Ebenezer White & Lydia his wife was born ye 16th. July 1714.

William the son of Ebenezer White and Lydia his wife was born the 1st. of September 1716, & died soon after.

William, the son of Ebenezer White and Lydia his wife was born the 8th. day of February 1718.

Samuel the son of Jonathan Clark and Jemimah his wife was born the 5th day of August 1718.

David, the son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife was born the 12th. Day of August 1719.

Sarah, the Daughter of Philip Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 15th. Day of November 1719.

Samuel Wales, ye son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born, November 3d. 1719.

Edward the son of Nathaniel Mills & Anne his wife was born the Day of December 1719.

Dorathy the daughter of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was, born the 24th. December 1719.

Benjamin the son of Joseph Ludden & Dorathy his wife was born the 24th. Day of November 1719.

Titus, son of Joseph a negro man servant (of Edmund Quincey Esqr) and Tabitha his wife was born ye 9th September 1719 & Dyed the 24th.

David, ye son of John Hunt & Hannah his wife was born 23d. December 1719.

Zechariah, the son of Nathaniel Spear & Lydia his wife was born ye 25th. Day of January 1719/20.

Benjamin the son of John Thayer & Rebekah, his wife, was born 11th. January 1719/20.

[115] Deborah, the Daughter of Josiah Faxson & Deborah his wife was born the 11th. Day of January 1719/20.

William the son of Peter Markwand and Sarah his wife was born the 27th. February 1719/20

Zechariah, the son of Peter Markwand and Sarah his wife was born the 27th. February, 1719/20 they being both twinns.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of John Vesey & Elizabeth his wife was born the 10th. day of March, 1719/20.

Patience Thayer, ye daughter of Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born August 29th. 1719.

Mary the daughter of Henry Turner and Elliner his wife was born the 12th. Day of March 1719/20.

Lydia the Daughter of John Niles & Margreet his wife was, born the 18th. Day of December 1719.

Ephraim Thayer son of Ephraim Thayer & Mary his wife was born 29th. March, 1720

Samuel, the son of Rebekah Arnold by Samuel Pray (as she sais) was born ye 1st. Day of April 1716.

Jonathan the son of Jonathan Bass and Susannah his wife was born the 19th. July 1720.

Mary ye Daughter of William Bowditch & Mary his wife was born ye 2d. April 1720.

Jedadiah Thayer, ye son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife was born April 14, 1740.

Josiah ye son of Thomas Crosbie & Mary his wife was born 20th. April 1720.

Daniel ye son of Joseph Hayden and Benjamin ye son of Joseph Hayden by Elizabeth his wife being twins wer born ye 19th. April 1720.

Hannah, the Daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born ye 2d. Day of April 1720.

Anne the daughter of Ebenezer White and Lydia his wife born may the 28, 1720.

Abigail the Daughter of Gregory Belcher and Abigail his wife wife was born the 16th. Day of July 1720.

Samuel ye son of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife was born 15th. July 1720.

Ebenezer, ye son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife was born ye 18th. Day of June 1720, died next thirsday following

Moses ye son of Nathaniel Spear and Thankful his wife was born ye 3d. July 1720

Elijah ye son of Nathaniel Spear, and Thankful his wife was born ye 3d. July 1720, being both twins.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Arthur Powel & Mary his wife was born the 8th. Day of August 1720.

Abigail ye Daughter of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 6th. Day of August 1720.

Mary ye daughter of Samuel Vesey & Deborah his wife was born ye 29th. Day of August 1720.

Ezekiel ye son of Ezekiel Crane & Mary his wife was born the 17th. Day of September, 1720.

Deborah ye Daughter of Benjamin Hayward and Mary his wife was born ye 15th. November, 1719.

Deborah ye Daughter of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife was born 20th. August 1720, died 28th

Bethiah ye daughter of Samuel Savel & Patience his wife was born ye 4th. Day of November, 1720.

Joseph, the son of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 17th. August 1720.

John the son of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was born ye 19th. November 1720.

Micah ye son of Thomas French and Mary his wife was born the 3d. Day of November, 1720.

Mary the Daughter of Ebenezer Nightingal & Hannah his wife was born 23d. October 1720.

Susannah, ye Daughter of Peter Newcomb and Mary his wife was born ye 12th. November, 1720.

Hannah the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen, and Deborah his wife was born 13th. November 1720.

James the son of Richard Faxson and Anna his wife was born ye 7th. November 1720.

Christopher ye son of Christopher Webb & Anne his wife was born ye 5th. October 1720.

Sarah ye daughter of Joseph Payne & Sarah his wife were born ye 25th. Day of December 1720.

William the son of William Hunt & Sarah his wife was born the 2^d. Day of September, 1720.

Richard ye son of Samuel Hayden & Priccilla his, wife was born the 22^d. January 1720/21.

Sarah, the daughter of Thomas White and Mary his wife was born ye 20th. May 1720.

Joanna ye daughter of Mehetable White, by Joseph Wales, (as she sais) was born 6th. January 1720.

Athurton, the son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born the 1st. Day of February 1721.

Elijah ye son of Eleazor vesey and Lydia his wife was born the 20th. December, 1720.

Obadiah ye son of Richard Thayer, and Mary his wife was born ye 26 December 1720.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Clark and Mary his wife was born the 16th. Day of January 1721.

Jemimah ye daughter of Jonathan Clark, and Jemimah his wife was born ye 7th. Day of January 1721

Clement the son of Ebenezer Crane and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 9th. Day of February 1721.

Peter ye son of John Gent & Abigail his wife was born ye 10th. Day of February 1721.

[117] John the son of Thomas Bolter & Rebekah his wife was born the 12th. September 1720.

William ye son of William Wild & Ruth his wife was born the 6th. Day of February 1721.

Mary the Daughter of Moses Belcher and Anne his wife born the 11th. December, 1720.

Jane, the Daughter of George Chesman, and Jane his wife was born the 5th. day of July 1720.

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Joseph the son of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born the 7th. Day of April 1716.

Ephraim the son of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born ye 18th. Day of February 1718.

Lydia the Daughter of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born the 5th Day of March 1720.

Sarah the Daughter of John Spear and Anne his wife was born the 17 April 1721.

William the son of Ephraim Arnold and Rachel his wife born Septr 22, 1721

Edward the son of Nathaniel Mills and Anne his wife was born the 30th. Day of April 1721.

Bethiah the Daughter of Samuel Wild & Bethiah his wife was born the 1st. Day of March, 1721.

Ruth, ye daughter of David Bass & Mary his wife was born the 7th day of May 1721.

Rebekah ye daughter of Dependance French & Hannah his wife was born 5th. May 1721.

Lydia, ye Daughter of Thomas Reed and Sarah his wife was born ye 28th. June 1720.

Sarah ye daughter of Ebenezer Newcomb and Sarah his wife Born ye 8th. June 1721.

William the son of William Tomas & Sarah his wife was born ye 29th. September 1718.

Sarah, ye Daughter of William Tomas & Sarah his wife was born ye 29th. November, 1720.

Jedadiah ye son of John Bass and Hannah his wife was born the 29th. day of April 1721.

Jonathan ye son of Jonathan Hayward & Mary his wife was born the 20th. Day of May 1721.

David ye son of William French & Sarah his wife was born ye 28 September 1719.

Lydia the daughter of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born the 25th. Day of October 1720.

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Thomas the son of Thomas Hunt and Elizabeth his wife was born the 6th. Day of January 1721.

Seth the son of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was born 17th. Day of August 1721.

[118] Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born the 31 July 1721.

Abigail ye daughter of Thomas Fenton and Hannah his wife was born 4th. August 1721.

Rachel, ye daughter of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife was born the 16th. of September 1721.

Silence the daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born the 12th. July 1721.

Christopher ye son of Christopher Webb & Anne his wife was born ye 4th. Day of December, 1721.

Mary ye daughter of Nathaniel Littlefield & Abigail his wife was born ye 30th. Day of November, 1721

Edmund son of Nathanael Spear & Lydia his wife was born ye 17th. Day of November 1721.

William Gammon son of Joanna Barnat was born at Braintree (at Elkanah Wales) the 26th. Day of April 1715.

Ruth ye Daughter of David Clark and Ruth his wife was born ye 31 January 1721/2

Micah, ye son of Thomas White & Mary his wife was born ye 10th December 1721.

Elizabeth, the daughter of John French and Mary his wife was born the 1st January 1722.

Nehemiah, ye son of Samuel Payn & Rachel his wife was born ye 6th. May 1721.

Obadiah ye son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife was born ye 31 Day of December 1721.

Anna, ye Daughter of Richard Thayer & Mary his wife was born 31 January, 1722.

Moses son of Moses Curtis & Dorathy his wife was born ye 2^d. Day of March, 1722.

Mercy, ye Daughter of Josiah Hobart & Mercy his wife was born ye 1st day of October 1721.

Sarah ye Daughter of Jonathan Hayden & Sarah his wife was born ye 25th October 1721.

Sarah the Daughter of William French & Sarah his wife was born the 28 January 1722.

Nehemiah, the son of Nathaniel Stevens and Hannah his wife was born ye 30th. Day of June 1719.

Patience, ye Daughter of Nathaniel Stevens and Hannah his wife was born ye 9th. Day of March 1721.

Mary ye Daughter of Moses Belcher and Mary his wife was born y^e. 10th. March 1721/2.

Joseph ye son of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife was born the 14th. Day of April 1722.

Bethiah ye daughter of William Bowditch and Mary his wife born 25 March, 1722

[119] Jemima ye Daughter of Nathaniel Spear, & Thankful his wife was born the 12 October 1721.

Ruth, the daughter of William Tompson & Margreet his wife was born the 14th. Day of August 1721.

Ruth ye Daughter of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born the 21st. March, 1722.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Ezekiel Crane, and Mary his wife was born ye 27 Day of November, 1721.

William, ye son of Jonathan Newcomb and Deborah his wife was born ye 31 Day of July 1721.

Samuel and Joseph, ye sons of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born ye 16th Day of May 1713 being twins.

Mary the Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born ye 22^d. Day of December 1714.

Sarah ye Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born ye 14th. Day of September 1716.

Joseph ye son of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born the 11th. Day of October 1718.

John ye son of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born ye 4th day of October 1720.

Daniel Thayer ye son of Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born August the 3^d. 1721.

Henry ye son of Henry Turner & Ellin his wife was born ye 6th. Day of April 1722.

Margreet the daughter of Joseph Tower & Ruth his wife was born ye 21st. August 1721.

Moses the son of Nathaniel Wardel & Anna his wife was born ye 20th. Day March 1722.

Elijah ye son of Eleazer Vesey & Lydia his wife, was born ye 10th. May 1722.

Samuel ye son of George Chesmun & Jane his wife was born ye 15th. day of March 1722.

Mehetable ye daughter of Ephraim Thayer & Mary his wife was born ye 17th Day of April 1722.

Mary ye Daughter of John wild & Abigail his wife was born 22^{d} July 1721.

Sarah ye daughter of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born ye 7th. Day of June 1720.

Jonathan ye son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born ye 24th. Day of March 1722.

Peter ye son of John Niles & Margreet his wife was born ye 27th. Day of March 1722.

Anne, ye Daughter of ye Rv'd Mr. Joseph Marsh, & Anne his wife was born ye 15th. Day of April 1722.

John ye son of John Hollis & Hannah his wife was born ye 9th. July 1721.

Abigail ye daughter of Thomas Nash & Abigail his wife was born ye 25th. March, 1721.

Benjamin, ye son of John Hunt & Hannah his wife was born ye 20th. Day of June 1722.

Daniel ye son of Samuel Spear & Rebekah his wife was born ye 8th. day of September, 1720.

[120] Edmund ye son of John Mash, & Sarah his wife was born 27th. July 1720.

Mary ye daughter of John Mash & Sarah his wife was born ye 27th. day of March, 1722.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 23^{d}. day of April 1722.

Sarah ye daughter of Nathaniel Owen and Deborah his wife was born ye 30 Day of June 1722.

Josiah, the son of Josiah Adams & Bethiah his wife was born the Thirtyeth Day of September 1722.

William Copeland son of William Copeland & Mary his wife born the ye 19th. Day of August 1722.

Job the son of Samuel Savel and Patience his wife was, born ye 30th. Day of September 1722.

Mary ye Daughter of Ebenezer Hayden & Mary his wife was born ye ninth Day of June, 1722.

James the son of James Bagley and Jane his wife was born the 1st. Day of March 1714.

Anne the Daughter of James Bagley & Jane his wife was born, ye 9th. day of August 1718

Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Field and Abigail his wife was born ye 12th. Day of November 1722.

Mary the daughter of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born the 21st. Day of November 1722.

Jonathan the son of Thomas Crosby & Mary his wife was born 9th. December 1722.

Anne the Daughter of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born ye 30th. July 1722.

Ruth, the Daughter of William Wild & Ruth his wife was born 28th. October 1722.

John the son of John Webb & Mary his wife was born ye 20th. December 1722.

Benjamin the son of Jonathan Webb & Bathsheba his wife was born 22d August 1722.

Ebenezer the son of Benjamin Clark & Mary his wife was born ye 4th. Day of December, 1722.

Susannah, the Daughter of Jonathan Bass & Susannah his wife was born 9th. November, 1722.

Sarah ye Daughter of John Bowditch and Mary his wife born 7th. December, 1722.

Deborah ye Daughter of Samuel Baxter and Deborah his wife was born ye 30th. day of August 1722.

Jeremiah ye son of Samuel Hayden & Pricila his wife was born ye 20th. Day of December 1722.

[121] Mary the Daughter of William Linfield & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 14th. of January 1723.

Rachel ye Daughter of John Ruggle & Rachel his wife was born the 15th. of November 1722.

Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Spear and Hannah his wife, was born ye 13th. Day of February 1723.

Hannah ye daughter of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born 22d. February 1722.

William the son of Joseph Wales & Hannah his wife was born Feby 3d. 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Ebenezer the son of Ebenezer Lamson & Sarah his wife was born ye 3d. Day of January 1723.

Joseph the son of John Jent & Abigail his wife was born the 27th. day of February 1723.

Susannah the daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Mary his wife was born 21st. February 1723.

Hannah ye Daughter of Thomas Faxson and Ruth his wife was born 24th. July 1721.

Elisha the son of Philip Thayer and Mary his wife was born the 27th. Day of November 1721.

Anne, the Daughter of Samuel Curtis & Grace his wife was born the 15th. November 1722

Ephraim the son of Ephraim Arnold & Rachel his wife was born Janue: 28th. 172$\frac{2}{3}$.

Joseph the son of Joseph Spear & Abigail his wife was born ye 10th. Day of February 1722.

Moses the son of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born 11 June 1722

Ruth ye Daughter of Thomas Faxson & Ruth his wife was born ye 13th. Day of April 1723.

Gilford the son of William Field & Sarah his wife was born ye 24th. Day of April 1723.

John the son of Roger Wilson & Hannah his wife was born the 15th. February 1723.

Benjamin the son of Thomas Bolter & Rebekah his wife was born ye 21, April 1723.

Samuel the son of Samuel Adams & Sarah his wife born the 15th. day of June 1723.

Ebenezer, ye son of Ezekiel Crane and Mary his wife was born the 11th. Day of July 1723.

Abigail Daughter of John Vesey & Elizabeth his wife born the 6th. Day of July 1723.

Dorathy the Daughter of Joseph Ludden and Dorathy his wife was born the 28th. Day June 1723.

Solomon the son of Samuel Vesey & Deborah his wife was born the 28th. February 1723.

William the son of Thomas Vinton & Hannah his wife was born ye 16 Day of June 1723.

Jonathan ye son of Jonathan French & Rebekah his wife was born ye 1st. July 1723.

Seth the son of David Clerk & Ruth his wife was born the 6th. Day of August 1723.

[122] Jonathan, the son of Thomas French and Rebekah his wife was born the First day of July 1723.

Mary the Daughter of Joseph Payne & Sarah his wife was born ye 16 Day of July 1723.

Abigail the daughter of Joseph Payne & Sarah his wife was born ye 16th Day of July 1723, they both being twins.

Rachel the Daughter of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born ye 10th. Day of October 1723.

Hannah, ye daughter of Nathaniel Owen & Deborah his wife was born ye 7th. Day of September 1723.

Abigail, the Daughter of Ebenezer Newcomb, & Sarah his wife was born 11th. November 1723.

Micah, the son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife was born the 31st. October, 1723.

Seth the son of Seth Copeland & Mary his wife was born the 19th. day of June 1723.

Elizabeth ye daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife was born ye 30th. Day of November 1723.

Nathaniel, the son of Nathaniel Spear & Lydia his wife was born ye 20th. November 1723.

Ebenezer the son of Benjamin Allen and Sarah his wife was born y^{e} 4th. Day of December, 1723.

Abigail, the Daughter of Gideon Thayer & Hannah his wife was born y^{e} 15th. November 1723.

Abigail & Hannah the daughters of Joseph Wales & Hannah his wife were born the 10th. February 172$\frac{3}{4}$
They being both twins.

December the twenty sixth 1722 Bennony the son of Isaac Newcomb & Thankful his wife was born.

Rachel, the Daughter of David Spear & Deborah his wife was born the 9th. Day of April 1723.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Spear & Sarah his wife was born the 13th. Day of February 1723.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Hobart & Rebekah, his wife was born the 29th. August 1723.

Ruth, the daughter of Daniel Hunt & Patience his wife was born 30th. Day of October 1720

Elisha the son of Daniel Hunt and Patience his wife was born the 15th. June 1723.

Allexander, the son of Allexander French & Mary his wife was born ye 28th. February 1724.

Mary ye daughter of John Thayer & Lydia his wife was born the 27th. Day of February 1719/20.

Lemuel ye son of John Thayer and Lydia his wife was born the 3d. day of April 1721.

Judith, ye Daughter of Jonathan Newcomb & Deborah his wife was born 23 February, 1724.

[123] Mary the daughter of Joseph Hayden, and Elizabeth his wife was born the 9th. April 1697.

Joseph the son of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born the 4th. day of May 1699.

Moses the son of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born the 9th. day of November, 1700

Ruth, the daughter of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born the 16th. February 1705.

Elkanah the son of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born the 4th. June, 1707.

Elizabeth the daughter of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born the 10th. May 1709.

John the son of Joseph Hayden and Elizabeth his wife was born the 21st. day of December 1711

Hannah, ye daughter of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 19th. January 1714/15.

Daniel ye son of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born 19 April 1720.

Benjamin ye son of Joseph Hayden & Elizabeth his wife being twins was born 19 April, 1720.

William ye son of Jonathan Newcomb & Deborah his wife was born the thirty first Day of July 1721.

Mary the Daughter of William Tompson and Margreet his wife was born 10th. Day of August 1723.

Ebenezer the son of Saml. Payne & Rachel his wife was born ye 22d. Day of December 1724.

Bethiah ye daughter of Thomas Fenton & Hannah, his wife was born 13th. August 1724.

Elizabeth ye daughter of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 25th. Day of January 17$\frac{24}{25}$

Daniel the son of Jonathan Hayward & Mary his wife was born the 2d. Day of February 1724/5

Elizabeth the daughter of Joshua Hayward was born the twenty fifth day of January 1724/5.
Deborah the Daughter of Benjamin Allen & Deborah his wife was born y^{e} 2^{d}. Day of March 1724/5.
Lothrop the son of Jonathan Webb & Bathsheba his wife was born the 8th. Day of March 1724/5
Thomas the son of Thomas Faxson & Ruth his wife was born the 19th. February 1724/5
Susannah, the daughter of Ebenezer Newcomb and Sarah his wife was born the 8th. Day of April 1725.
Ephraim the son of Jonathan French & Rebekah his wife was born the 20th. Day of January 1724/5.
[124] Joseph Parmenter who was Voted, Clerk of the Inhabitants of Braintree March ye 6th. 1699
Was born ye 20th. December 1655, and marrried 17th November 1675, to Mary Marsh, (by Mr Tyng) and had by her the children hereafter mentioned which were by him recorded
Sarah Parmenter was born the 12th. day of June 1677.
Joseph Parmenter was born the 23^{d}. day of April 1679, & dyed y^{e} 12th. July following.
Mary Parmenter was born 27th. May 1680.
Benjamin Parmenter was born the 9th. September 1682.
Hannah Parmenter was born y^{e} latter end of September 1687.
Deborah Parmenter was born the 24th. February 16$\frac{90}{91}$.
Richard Faxon, Son of Thom^{s} Faxon & Mary his wife was born y^{e} 4th. of September 1686.
Anna or Hannah his wife was born July 13th. 1687.
They were married y^{e} 29th. of December 1709, by Mr. Joseph Marsh. Their children born as follows,
Viz. Thomas Faxon, Born October 29th. 1710
Mary Faxon, Born March 8th. 17$\frac{13}{12}$
Abigail Faxon, Born July 26th. 1715.
Richard Faxon Born November 2^{d}. 1718.
James Faxon Born November 7th. 1720.
Sarah Faxon, Born, April 12th. 1724.
Anna Faxon, Born June 3^{d}. 1726.
Azariah Faxon Born March 23^{d}. 1731/2.
Entered here March 26th. 1737.
By Richard Faxon at this time Town Clerk.
Elsewhere Entered by ye Town Clerks.
[125] John Mills Clarke, Records of Marriages, 6th. m^{o}. 10th. 1654.
John Mills Juni^{or}. and Elizabeth Shove were married the twenty sixth of the second month 1653. Maried by M^{r}. Belingham of Boston.
Laurance Copeland & Lidia Townsend were maried the twelve day of the tenth month 1651, maried by Mr. Hibbins of Boston.
Ffarthenando Thayer and Hulda Hayward were married the (14) (11) 1652, By Mr. Tory of Weymouth.
Thomas Ffackson, and Debora Thayer, were married the (11) (2) 1653, by Capt. Lusher of Dedham.

William Scant and Sarah Brown were married the (29) (1) 1654, by Mr. Tory of Waymoth.

Allexander Marsh and Mary Belcher were married the (19) (10) 1655, by Major Autherton of Dorchester.

Samuel Deering and Mary Ray were maried the (5) (9) 1651, by m^{r}. Fflynt of Concord.

Humphrey Greggs, and Grizell Juell were maryed the (1) (9) 1655, by M^{r}. Belingam of Boston.

William Savill and Sarah Gannitt were maried the (6) (9) 1655 by Major Autherton of Dorchester.

Christopher Webb and Hanna Scott were maried the (18) (11) 1654 by Capt. Tory of Waymoth

James Poffer and Mary Swalden were married the (14) (12) 1655, by Capt. Tory of Waymoth.

Samuel Tomson and Sarah Shepperd were married the (25) (2) 1656 by M^{r}. Browne of Watertowne.

Thomas Barrett and Ffrancis Woolderson were maried the (14) (7) 1655, by Major Autherton, of Dorchester.

Nathaniel Mott, and Hanna Shooter were maried the (25) (10) 1656 by, William Allis of Braintree

Samuel Deereinge and Mary Nucome were maryed the 9th m^{o}. 10th. 1657, by M^{r}. Endicote Governour.

Martin Saunders and Elizabeth Bancraft were maryed the (23) (3) 1654, by Capt Guggins of Cambridge

David Walsbee and Ruth Bass were maried the (24) (7) 1656 by Major Willard of Concord.

John Pray and Johanna Downam were married the (3)^{d} mo. 7th. 1657/8 by William Allis Commissioner of Braintree.

Robert Gutridg and Margrett Ireland were maried the (25) (10) 1656 by William Allis Commissioner, of Braintree.

Martin Saunders Junr. and Liddia Hardier were maried the 2^{d} mo. 1, 1651 by Mr Thomas Dudly of Roxbury.

John Harbour Junr. and Jael Thayer were maried the (17) (1) 1654, by Capt. Tory of Waymoth.

Richard Thayer and Dorathy Pray, were maried the (24) (10) 1651 by Mr. Thomas Flynt of Concord.

Sidrick Thayer, and Mary Barrett were maried the 11th. mo. 1, 1654, by Capt Tory of Waymoth.

James Mycall and Mary Farr were married the 10th. mo. 11th. 1657 by Major Autherton of Dorchester

Robert Twells and Martha Brackett were married the (23) (9) 1655, by Mr Belingam of Boston.

Henry Neale and Hanna Pray were maried the (14) (12) 1655) by Capt Tory of Waymoth.

John Bass and Ruth Aulden were maried the 12 mo. 3, 1657, by M^{r}. John Aulden of Duxbury.

John Saunders and Mary Mungy were maried the 8 mo. 9th. 1650, by Mr. Hibbins of Boston.

Simon Crossbee & Rachell Brackett were maryed the (15) (5) 1659, by Major Autherton of Dorchester.

John Bacster and Anna White were married the (24) (9) 1659, by Capt Tory of Waymoth.

John Hoidon & Hannah Ames were maryed the 2 mo. 6th. 1660 by Mr. Endicote Governor.

William Tosh & Jael Swilvan were maried the 12th mo. 7th 1660 by Major Autherton.

John Cheny Senior and Grizell Kidbee were maried by Peter Brackett, the 9th. mo. 12, 1661.

Peter Brackett & Elizabeth Bozworth were maried 7th mo 6th 1661, by Peter Brackett.

Joseph Niles and Mary Mycall were maried the 9th. mo. 15, 1661 by Peter Brackett.

John Brackett & Hannah Ffrench were married 7th. mo. 6th. 1661, by Peter Brackett.

Joseph Aldridg & Patience Ozbourne were married the 12 mo. 26, by Capt Tory of Weymouth.

John Dassitt & Hanna Fflynt were maried the 9th. mo. 15, 1662 by Major Willard.

John Ruggles & Rebeca Ffarnworth were maried the 1 mo 18, 1662 by Capt. Hubbert.

Matthias Poffer & Rachell Ffarnworth were maried the 1 mo 18, 1662 by Capt Hubbert.

Edmund Sheffeild & Sarah Marsh, were married the 7th. 5th. 1662, by Peter Brackett.

John Rockwood & Joane Ffoard were maried the 7 mo 15, 1662, by Peter Brackett.

[126] Denice Darly & Hannah Ffrancis were married the 11th. mo 3^{d}. 1662 by Peter Brackett.

Jonathan Hayward & Sarah Thayer were maried 3^{d} mo. 6th 1663, by Peter Brackett.

Samuel Belcher & Mary Billinge were maried the 10th mo 15th. 1663, by Capt Clapp.

John Cleavery & Sarah Steevins were maried 1 mo. 18, 1664, by Capt. Clapp.

John Darlin & Elizabeth Downam were married 3 mo 13, 1664 by Capt. Hubbert.

John Parris & Hannah Juell were maried 6th. mo. 30th. 1664, by Mr. Bellingham.

Sam^{ll}. Hoiden & Hannah Thayer were maried 8th. mo. 28, 1664, by Major Lusher.

Stevin Scott, & Sarah Lamb, were maried 5th mo 27th. 1664, by Mr. Bellingham.

John Penniman & Hanna Billinge were maried 12 mo. 24, 1664 by Mr. Bellingham.

John Greenlief & Hanna Veasy were married 7th. mo. 26, 1665 by Capt. Clapp.

Mr. Samuel Shepperd & Mrs Dorathy Ffynt were married 2^{d} mo. 30th. 1666 by Capt Gookins.

Joseph Penniman & Waitinge Robbinson were maried 7th. mo 25th. 1666 by Capt Clapp.

Edward Lincford & Hanna Plumly were maried the 3d mo 16, 1667 by Major Leveritt

Moses Belcher & Mary Nash, were maryed the 3d mo. 23d 1666 by Capt. Tory.

John Savill & Mehetable Hands were married the 8th mo 20, 1668 by

Mr. Noah Numan & Joanna Fflynt were married the 10th. mo 30, 1669 by Capt. Cookin.

Jonath Hayden, & Elizabeth Lad were maried the 2 mo. 20, 1669, by Mr. Edward Tyng.

John Needam & Hanna Savill were maried the 3d mo 1669 by Major Leveritt.

Timothy Winter, & Hester Plumly were maried 10th mo. 16, 1670 by Capt. Cookins.

Benjamin Savill & Liddia Barnes were maried the 10th mo 30th. 1670 by Mr Tynge

Joseph Allin & Ruth Leader were maried the 11th. mo. 30, 1670, by Mr. Tynge.

Stephen Willis & Hannah Eliott were maried the 6th. 3, 1670 by Mr Tynge.

Thomas Ffackson, & Sarah Savill widow were maried 7th. mo 5th. 1670 by Mr. Tynge.

George Witty, & Sarah Speere were maried the 4th. mo. 17th. 1672 by Mr. Edward Tynge.

John Man & Alce Bourne were maried the 10th. mo 4th. 1672 by Major Winsloe.

Peter Nucome & Susan Cuttin were maried the 4th. 26, 1672 by Capt. Mason.

Mr. Moses Ffiske of Brantrey & Mrs Sarah Symmes daughter to Mr. William Symmes of Charlestown were married ye (7) day of (9) mo (1672) by Capt Gookin Assistant.

Samll. Savill & Hannah Addams were maried the 2 mo 10th. 73 by

Solomon Curtis & Prudence Gatlive were maried 4th. mo. 11th. '73 by Mr. Stoughton.

Theophilus Curtis & Hannah Payne were maried 10th. 30th. 73 by

Samll. Peniman & Elizabeth Parmenter were married 11th mo 6th '73 by Mr Stoughton.

Peter Scott & Abigail Neale were maried 10th mo. 22, 73 by

Georg Speere & Mary Deeringe were maried 2 mo. 27th. '75 by Mr. Tynge.

John Bass, & Hannah Stirdephant were maried 7th. mo. 21 '75 by Mr Suthward.

Eleazer Ezgate & Joyce Goodwin were maried 4th mo. 24, '75 by Mr. Tynge

Joseph Clark & Damaris Ffrancis were maried 6th. mo. 19th '75 by Mr.

Joseph Parmenter & Mary Mash were maried 7th. mo 17th 75 by Mr Tynge.

Caleb Hubbert & Elizabeth Ffackson widow were maried the 11th mo 15th. '75 by Mr. Tynge.

Josiah Chapin & Lydia Pratt widew were maried the 7th. mo 26, 76 by Majr Denison

Joseph Crosbey & Sarah Brackett were married 4th. mo 1, '75 by Mr. Tyng.

Ebenezer King & Mary Twells were maried 7th. mo 4th. '76, by Mr Tyng.

Samll. Irons & Sarah Belcher were married 9th mo 13 '77 by Mr

Increase Niles & Mary Purchass were maried the 10th. mo 4th. '77 by the honoured Governor Mr. John Leverett.

Samuel Neale & Abigail Peniman the 2d. mo. 18th. '78 by Capt. Mason.

Christopher Webb, Clerke May 18th. 1678.

John Aldridge & Sarah Leach were maried by Deacon Willis of Bridgwater the 31st. October 1678.

Samuel Bass, & Rebekcah Ffaxon were married by Mr. Joseph Dudley the 30th. of July 1678.

Valentine Decrow & Martha Bourne were maried the 27th. of February by Mr. Dudley, 1678.

Samuel Paine & Mary Peniman were maried the 4th. April by Mr. Joseph Dudley 1678.

John Heiford & Abigail Allbins were were maried the 8th of April by Mr. Dudley 1679.

Nehemiah Hoiden & Hannah Neale were maried the of March by Mr. Joseph Dudley 1678.

Ebenezer Speere & Rachell Deering were married July the 16th by Mr. Joseph Dudley 1679.

Richard Thayer & Rebecah Micall were married the 16th. July by Mr. Joseph Dudley 1679.

Nathaniel Thayer & Hannah Hoiden were married the 27th. of May by Mr. Joseph Dudley 1679.

William Savell & Deborah Ffackson were married the first of Januy by Joseph Dudley esqr. 1679.

[127] Thomas Thayer & Abigail Veasy were Maryed by Joseph Dudley esqr. the 25 March 1680.

Robert Ffeild & Mary Jennery were married the 11th. of October by Humphrey Dariyes 1680.

Thomas Bass, & Susannah Blancher were married by Capt. Torrey November last, 1680.

Solomon Veasy & Elizabeth Sanders were married November 23d. 1680.

Lieut. Edmund Quincy, Mrs Eliot was married December 8th. 1680.

Jno. Webb, & Bathia Addams were married May by Joseph Dudley, Assistant, 1680.

Steven Paine & Ellin Veasy were maried by Capt. Richard Brackett Feby 20th. 1681.

Joseph Addams & Mary Chapin were married by Capt. Richard Brackett, 1682.

Samuel Webb and Marah Adams were Maried by Mr. Clarke December 16th. 1686.

John Marshal, son of John and Ruth Marshall and Mary Mills Daughter of Edmond and Mary Sheffield, Married by Mr. Moses Ffisk upon May the twelfth day Anno Dom. 1690.

Samuel Tompson Junior and Hannah Parmeter were Married by Capt. Richard Brackett 25th. 10th. 1684.

Samuel Tompson Senior Clerk, September 30, 1690 a Record of Marriages.

Samuel Thomson senior and Elizabeth biling were married the 4th. of October 1680, by Mr. Stougton.

John Rugles and Mercy Vesey were married the 24th. of April 1690 by Mr. Moses Fiske.

Samuel Niles and Mary Belsher widow were married, the 20th. April 1680, by Governor Bradstreet.

Thomas Copeland, and Mehitabel Atwood, widow were married the 3d. of February 16$\frac{91}{92}$ by Mr. Peter Thacher.

Benjamin Neale and Lidia Payne were married the 20th. of January 168$\frac{8}{9}$ By Mr. Peter Thacher

John Payne and Deborah Neale were married the 20th. of January 168$\frac{8}{9}$ by the aforesaid Mr Peter Thatcher.

[128] Ephraim Thayer and Sarah Bas, were maried the 7th. of January 169$\frac{1}{2}$ by Mr. Peter Thacher.

William Nightingall Junior and Rebecah Neale were married upon the 14th. day of Desember 1691 by Mr. Peter Thacher.

Gregory Belcher, and Elizabeth Rugles were married upon the 25th. of March 1690.

Mr. Daniel Wilord and Mary Mills were married upon the 4th. day of January 16$\frac{93}{92}$ by Mr. Thacher.

John Peirse and Abigail Thomson were maried upon the 5th. of January 16$\frac{93}{92}$ by Mr. Moses Fiske.

John Baxter and Huldah Howerd were maried the 24th. day of January 169$\frac{3}{2}$ by Mr. thacher.

Jonathan Hayward and Hanah Hubertt, were married on the 17th. day of February 169$\frac{2}{1}$ by Capt Smith.

James Puffer and Mary Elis of Dedham were maried 18th day of September 1690, by Mr Mosis Fisck

Nathaniel Speer and Hanah Holman were maried the 8th. day of Agust by Mr. Lawson 1689.

Josiah Sanders and Rachell Holman was married upon the 4th. day of December 1693 by Mr. James Alenn.

Joseph Peniman and Sarah Stone widow of Decon John Stone of Watertown were married upon the 10th. of May 1693 by Mr. Fiscks.

William Savill and Mrs. Experience Quinsey were maried upon the 24th. of November 1693 by Mr. Fiscke.

[129] Arter Powell, and Sarah Makusett the Dauther of Wiliam Scant were married 18 day of January 169$\frac{4}{3}$ by Mr. James Alenn.

Samuel Thayer and Susannah Scant were maried the 18th. of January 169$\frac{4}{3}$ by Mr. Jams Alenn.

Joseph Bas and Mary Belcher were married upon the 5th. of June 1688, by Major Edmund Quinsey.

Mr. Joseph Belcher and Mrs Abigail Tompson were married upon the 8th. of March, 169$\frac{4}{3}$ by Mr. Moses Fisck.

Andrew Wilitt of Boston and Susanah Holbrook of this Town were married upon the 6th. of March 169$\frac{4}{5}$ by Mr. Fiscke.

William Copeland and Mary Webb were married upon the 13 of Aprill 1694, by capten Proutey

Samuel Speer and Elizabeth Daniell were married upon the 7th. day of June 1694, by Mr. Peter Thacher.

Wiliam Hayward and Hanah Nucom ware married upon the 22d. of November 1693, by Major Quinsey.

Simon Briant and Hanah Speer were married upon the 28th. of December 1694, by Levtenant Colonel Quinsey.

Peter Adams and Mary Webb were married upon the 12th. of February 169$\frac{5}{4}$ by Mr. Moses Fiske.

Eliazer Esgate, and Rachill Puffer, were married upon the 7th. of January 169$\frac{5}{4}$ by Mr. Fiscke.

[130] Josiah Hubertt and Mary Cleverly were married upon the 21st. of March 169$\frac{5}{4}$ by Levtenant Colonell Quinsey.

John Bass and Elizabeth Neale were married upon the 7th. of March 169$\frac{5}{4}$ by Mr. Fiske.

August 14th. 1695, Benjamin Tompson was voted Clerk: 15th. was sworne before Col. Edmond Quinsey and Received the two Bookes of Town Records.

1695, July the 30th. Reverend Mr. Samuel Tory and Mrs. Mary Simms, were married by Col. Edmund Quinsey.

July 24th. 1695, Joseph Jones and Lydia Neale were Married by Col. Ed. Quinsey.

June 24th. 1695, John Cleverly and Hannah Savel were married by Capt. Samuel Sewell

By Capt. Samuel Sewall Esqr.

The Reverend Mr. Moses Fiske, & Mrs Anna Quinsey were Married ye 7th. January 1700, by Samll. Sewall Esqr

[131] John Sanders and Susanna Tompson were married May 24th. 1698, by S. Sewall Esqr. at Boston.

Joseph Bass and Lois Rogers were married ye 23 February 1708 by Mr. Jeremiah Sheppard.

Mr. Nathaniel Hubbard & Mrs. Elizabeth Nellson were married by Mr Frances Macamy 23d. August 1707.

[132] A Record of Deaths.

Mr. Samuel Spear Died the 24th. December 1713

[133] Mrs Elizabeth Quinsey dyed ye 30th. Novembr. 1700.

Elizabeth Hayden dyed ye 7th. October 1700.

Jonathan ye son of John Mills & Hannah his wife dyed ye 13th. July 1700

Submit Plumly dyed 27th. November, 1700.

Jael Harbour dyed ye 10th. day of March 1701.

Moses the son of John Payne & Deborah his wife Dyed the 6th. day of December 1697.

John ye son of Joseph Bass & Mary his wife dyed the 31st. January 1702.

Rebecca ye wife of Joseph Allin Dyed ye 23^d April 1702.
Elizabeth ye wife of William Owen dyed (being drowned with water through want of strength to wade through the same (as was judged) & also being impaired in her reason & understanding the 3^d. day of June 1702.
Deborah y^e daughter of John Payne & Deborah his wife dyed the 19 day of July 1703.
Ebenezer y^e son of Joseph Clark and Damarus his wife dyed y^e 25th. December, 1706.
William Linfield dyed y^e 26th. February 170$\frac{6}{7}$
Arter Sanders died the 4th. day of September 1706, Aged 78 years.
Enoch y^e son of Samuel Bass & Rebeccah his wife dyed y^e. 26th. February 1707.
Hepzibah y^e Daughter of Edmund Littlefield & Elizabeth his wife Dyed the 23^d. January 1708.
Ann the Daughter of William Rawson and Sarah his wife Dyed ye 21st. March 1708.
Sarah ye daughter of Nathaniel Owens & Mary his wife dyed ye 28th. day of June 1708.
Sheffeild Marshall son of John and Mary Marshall Dyed on Thursday morning September ye 2^d. 1708 aged 2 years one month and 16 days.
Joseph Clark dyed 8th. Day of November 1708.
Amos Sheffield dyed the ye 31 day of December 1708.
Benjamin ye son of Gregory Belcher & Elizabeth his wife dyed ye 5th. June 1709.
Sarah Sheffeild widdow of Edmund Sheffeild of Braintree formerly the wife of Thomas Marsh, of Hingham dyed November, the 9th. 1710, Aged about 84 years.
Caleb Hobart dyed ye 4th. September 1711 Aged 89 years.
Jeremiah Thayer Dyed the 9th November 1711.
Abigail Thayer Dyed the 11th January 1711/12.
Mr. Frances Legaree Aged about 75 years Dyed the 30 December 1711
Frances Legaree the son of Daniel Legaree dyed 7th. January 1711.
[134] Benjamin Webb, voted Clerk, July 19th. 1709.
Elizabeth the Daughter of Elkanah Wales and Elizabeth his wife Dyed Sepr. 16, 1709.
John Ruggles sen^r. Dyed November the 3^d. day 1709.
Ephraim Pray sen^r Dyed January 16th. 1709/10
Jonathan the son of Jabez Puffer & Mary his Wife Dyed November, 9th. 1709.
Aaron the son of Dec. Moses Payne & Mary his wife Dyed the 24th. of February 1709/10.
Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel Wales & Esther his wife dyed February 6th. 1709/10.
Joseph the son of Joseph Brackett & Mehitable his wife dyed February 10th. 1709/10.
Caleb the son of Joseph Adams & Elizabeth his wife died the 4th. day of June 1710

Hannah the wife of Samuel French dyed the 4th. day of February 1711/12.
Jeremiah the son of Cornelius Thayer & Abigail his wife dyed the 9 November 1711.
Abigail the daughter of Cornelius Thayer & Abigail his wife dyed 11 January 1711/12.
Lydia Sanders Dyed the 9th. Day of March 1712.
Joseph the son of Benjamin White & Mary his wife Dyed the 6th. Day of January 1711/12.
Benjamin Thayer died the 4th. May 1712.
Susannah ye daughter of Thomas Holbrook & Mary his wife died ye 23d. day of February 1712/13.
Eleazer Veasey the son of Eleazer Veasey and Lydia his wife died the second Day of May 1713.
Esther the Daughter of Col. Edmund Quinsey Esq. died the 28th day of August, 1713.
Mary Bagley Died 29th. December 1713.
Mary Jones died the 12th. November 1713.
Mehetable White died 2d. October 1713.
Esther the daughter of Edmund Quinsey Esqr. & Dorathy his wife dyed the 6th. October 1713.
Joshua Hobart dyed the 28th. December 1713.
Samuel Baxter the son of Samuel Baxter by Mary his wife died the 21st. March 1714.
Sarah the Daughter of Peter Webb & Amee his wife died the 2 January 1714.
[135] Samuel the son of Elkanah Wales & Elizabeth his wife was born the 7th. Day of June, 1714, & dyed the 19th. June 1714
Frances Nash, dyed the 3d. day of August 1713.
William Nightengal died the 18th. May 1714.
John Copeland died the 7th. August 1714.
Rebecca Ruggle an aged woman dyed 28th. October 1714.
Mary the daughter of Samuel Savel & Mary his wife died the 1st. December 1714.
Captain John Thomas Died ye 4th. October 1714.
Samuel Belcher Died the 19th. December, 1714.
Nathaniel the son of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife died 3d April 1715.
Bethiah the Daughter of Peter Adams and Mary his wife died the 22d. Day of April 1715.
Lydia Bass, died the fourth Day of February 1715.
Joseph ye son of Joseph Nightingall & Hannah his wife died being scalded to Death July the 29th. 1715.
Ms Elisabeth Niel died ye 10th. February 1715/16
Lt. Samuel Niel died ye 23d November 1715.
Mehetable Owen Died the 3d. April 1716.
Martha Tweld Died the 4th. July 1716.
Joseph ye son of Joseph Spear & Anne his wife died ye 24th. October 1715.

John Bass Died the 12th. September 1716 in ye 84th year of his age.
Joseph Bass died about ye 16th. January 1714.
Mary ye daughter of John Marsh & Sarah his wife died 26th. June 1716.
Timoth ye son of William Hunt & Sarah his wife died 1st September 1716.
Elizabeth the Daughter of Samuel Hayden & Mary his wife Dyed ye 17th. November, 1715.
Benjamin the son of Joseph White & Sarah his wife died the 3d. October, 1715.
Sarah ye daughter of Joseph White died ye 7th. October 1715.
Thomas ye. son of John Thayer, & Mary his wife died the 14th April 1715.
Joannah the Daughter of John Thayer, & Mary died the 14th Day of December, 1716.
Ms. Anna Fairbanks died the 30th. December 1716.
William Copeland died 30th. October 1716.
Bethiah ye daughter of Ebenezer Nightengal and Hannah his wife died the 1st. January 1616/17
Ruth the Daughter of John Hunt & Hannah his wife died the 13th. March 1717.
Sarah Belcher died 14 January 1716/17.
Amee ye daughter of Peter Webb & Amee his wife died ye 24th. February 1716/17.
Rachel Spear, died the 16th. Day of October 1717.
Joseph Ruggle died the 19th. September 1717.
[136] Mary Hayden died the 10th. November 1717 & her little one soon after & buried with her.
John the son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife died the 15th day of April 1716.
Sarah Harbour died the 31, December 1717.
Elizabeth Cock died the 4th. January 1717/18.
Clement Cock died the 8th. of January 1717/18.
Amee ye daughter of Samuel Hayden & Pricilla his wife died the latter end of September 1717.
Samuel Peniman died the 29th. January 1717/18
Daniel Mekusett, died the 2d January 1717/18.
Josiah Vesey died the 30th. January 1717/18
Nehemiah Hayden died the 12th. January 1717/18.
John Hollis died the 27th. January 1718.
Peter Webb, died at Salem 12th. February 1717/18.
William Hayward of Mendon died here 7th. December 1717.
John Penniman died 21, December, 1717.
Henry Neall, died 26th. July, 1717
William Field died the 25th. March 1718.
Martha Field, died the 2d. April 1718.
Elder Nathaniel Wales, died 23 March 1718.
James Brackett died the 8th. Day of April 1718.
Mary Mills died the 18th. March 1717/18.

Benjamin Parmenter died the 1st. May 1718 in the 36th. year of his age.
Mary Mills died the 18th. March 1717/18.
Mary the daughter of Edmund Quincy Esqr. & Dorathy his wife died ye 13 May 1715.
Cippio a negro of ye said Edmund Quincy Esqr. died the 12th. July 1716.
Psyche, an Indian girl dyed ye 20th. February 1717/18 belonging to the said Edmund Quincy Esq.
Edmund Littlefield dyed ye 9th. day of April 1718.
Jonathan Hayden Died.
John Hayden Aged 83 years died the 29th. May 1718.
Moses Penniman died the 29th. July 1718.
Mary Marshall, Aged 55 years Died the First Day of October 1718.
Hannah Nightingale, died the 11th. October 1718.
Samuel French died the 13th. October 1718.
Edmund Littlefield Junior died 27th. May 1717.
Mrs Hannah Webb, widow of Mr Christopher Webb died the 30th. Day of December in the 83d year of her age 1718.
Hannah Wild Died ye 12th. Day of November 1718.
[137] John Ruggle died 25th. Day of January 17$\frac{18}{19}$
Ebenezer Spear died the 21st. March 1719.
Richard Russ, died ye 21st. March, 1719.
Dorathy Hollis died the 30th. December 1718.
Elisha Niles, died the 11, January 1718/19.
Mary Hobart died the 18th. October 1718.
Cezar a negro of Mr Niles died 25th. January, 1718/19.
Ebenezer Hayden, died the 13th. February, 1717/18.
Mary Newcom ye Daughter of Peter Newcom & Mary his wife died ye 20th. day of March 1718/19.
Susannah Newcomb ye Daughter of Peter Newcomb and Mary his wife died ye 21st. day of March 1718/19 both twins.
Anne Spear ye wife of Joseph Spear died ye day of April 1719.
Lt. John Baxter Aged 81 years died the 29th. day of April 1719.
Mary Parmenter, Died the 2d. day of July 1719.
Sarah Owen the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen & Hannah his wife died the 3d. December, 1719.
Experience French, died 29th. September 1719, in the 61st. year of her age.
William the son of Peter Markwand & Sarah his wife died 13th. March 1719/20.
Mary Hayden, died the 7th. February, 1719./20.
Margaret, ye daughter of Peter Markwand & Sarah his wife Died ye 4th day of April 1720.
Thomas French died 22d. September 1717.
Elizabeth French, died 23d. December 1718.
Mary ye daughter of Christopher Webb, & Anne his wife died 12th. October 1719.
Hannah ye Daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife died ye eighth Day of June 1720

Ephraim ye son of Ephraim Thayer & Mercy his wife died 22^d. May 1720.
Ebenezer Thayer Died ye 11th. day of June 1720.
Ebenezer ye son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife died ye 25 day of June 1720.
Jedadiah Thayer ye son Eben^r. Thayer & Rachel his wife Dyed.
Sarah, ye Daughter of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife died 5th. May 1720.
Deborah ye Daughter of Benjamin Allin & Sarah his wife died ye 28th August 1720
Christopher ye son of Christopher Webb and Anne his wife died ye 12th. November 1720.
Jedadiah Thayer ye son Eben^r. Thayer & Rachel his wife dyed Novr. 10, 1740
Edmund Ding died ye 21 December 1720.
Hannah Owen ye Daughter of Nathaniel Owen died the 17th. Day of February 1721.
Elijah ye son of Eleazer Vesey &c died the 13 March 1721.
Obadiah Thayer died ye 5th. April 1721
Lydia Thayer died ye 9th. March 1721
John Wild died 29 March 1721.
Silence ye Daughter of David Rawson & Mary his wife died ye 17th. August 1721.
[138] Abram Russ died ye 20th. August 1722.
Henry Carley died at sea the 24th. Day of September 1721 coming from Ireland to New England.
Micah ye Daughter of Thomas French & Mary his wife died the 27th. March 1721/2.
Temperance the wife of John Bowditch died ye 12th. August 1720
Ann Belcher died the 28th. January 1722.
Ebenezer Hinckley died the 17th. October 1721.
Mary Mash, died ye 26th. Day of June 1722
Deacon Benjamin Savel died ye 8th. day of December 1722.
Deliverance Thayer the widow of Shadrack Thayer Died ye 17th. Day of January 1723, in ye 79th year of her age.
Captain John Mills, died ye 9th. day of February 1722.
John Newcomb Died the 21st. Day of March 1722.
Josiah Adams died the 20th. January 1722.
Mary Bass, Died the 25th. Day of October 1723.
Hanah Owen Died ye 7th Day of January 1724.
Thankful Newcomb died December the 30th. 1722.
Bennony Newcomb, Died the 9th. Day of May 1723.
Ebenezer Allen Died ye sixth Day of March 1724.
Elizabeth Spear died at Milton the 15th. Day of March 1724.
Benjamin the son of Nathaniel Mills and Anne his wife died the 28th. July 1724.
Samuel French, Died 29th. Day of July 1724.
John Bass, died 30th. Day of September 1724.
Mercy Wells died 27th. October 1724.
James Penniman died ye 30th. Day of November 1724.
Sarah Bass, Died the 28th. Day of January 1724/5

Benjamin Niles Died the 26 February 1724/5.
Obadiah Hunt, the son of John Hunt died.
Lothrop the son of Jonathan Webb & Bathsheba his wife dyed the 16 day of March 1724/5
Abram Russ, Died the 20th. August 1722.
Mary Belcher died 27 or 28 of August 1723.
Anne Belcher died 28 January 1721/2.
John Meclew Died the 11th. September 1724.
Mary Parmenter, Died the 1st. Day of May 1725, aged 45.
Peter Newcomb died the 20th. May 1725.
Mary Belcher Daughter of Moses Belcher died 18 August 1725
Mrs. Sarah Wilson Died the 20th. August 1725.
Mary Webb died the 11th. October 1725.
Elizabeth Spear Died ye 9th. October 1725.
Deborah Spear, died ye 12th. March 1725.
[139] Hannah Spear died the 9th. Day of April 1725.
Richard the son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife died the 30th. Day of January 1725/6.
Abiel Penniman Died the 3d. April 1726.
Susannah Hobart died the 23d. December 1725.
Josiah Hobart died the 2d. September 1725.
Mary Hobart Died the 3d. June 1726.
Bathsheba Dogget died ye 26th. Day of June 1726.
Deborah French died 31st. March 1726.
Deborah Curtis Died the 10th. May 1726.
Hannah Curtis Died 20th. July 1726.
Hannah Rawson Died 24th. July 1726.
Hannah Savel Died the 15th. September 1726.
The Revered Mr. Joseph Marsh Died the 8th. Day of March 172$\frac{5}{6}$ in the 41st. year of his age, having been our Pastor for 17 years.
William Clark died 24 July 1726.
John Webb son of John Webb died 26 August 1726.
Ann Mills died 20th. August 1726.
Mercy ye Daughter of Josiah Hobart Died the 16th. Decembr. 1726.
Rachel ye wife of John Ruggles Died the 16 December 1726, and ye child John of Jno. Ruggles died ye 17 November, 1725.
Samuel Belcher died 25 January 1726/7 the son of Samuel Belcher.
Deacon Joseph Allen, Died the 20th. March 1726/7.
Mr. William Rawson Died 20th. September 1726.
Joseph Allen Died the 16th. April 1727.
Deacon Gregory Belcher, Died 4th. July 1727 in the 63 year of his age, being killed wth. a Plough.
Hannah the daughter of Jonathan Webb & Bathsheba his wife, died the 5th. July 1727.
Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel Owen & Deborah his wife died 3d. August 1727.
Susannah Ruggles died the 31 Day of July 1727.
Sarah Cleverly died the 15th. day of July 1727.
Mrs. Hannah Cleverly died the first day of August 1727.
John Gilkee died the 2d. August 1727
Abigail Thayer Aged 66 years died the 6th. Day of August 1727.

Joseph the son of Joseph Allin & Eunice his wife died the 6th. day of August 1727.
John Bowditches child Mary died the 1st. Day of August 1727.
William Wilds child Elijah died the 29th. Day of July 1727.
Mrs. Anna Bealls, died the 18th. Day of July 1727.
William the son of William Copeland, & Mary his wife died the 29th. Day of June 1727.
Mary the Daughter of William Tompson & Margreet his wife died 14 October 1727.
Elizabeth the daughter of John Spear and Anne his wife died the 19th. Day of October 1727.
Timothy Allin died the 30 October 1727.
Rachel Allin died ye 5th. November, 1727.
[140] Mrs. Sarah Brackett aged 77 Died the 6th. October 1727.
Mr. Nathaniel Niles Died the 22d. Day of December 1727, in the 86 year of his age.
Gregory Belcher Died the 20th. Day of January 1727/8 in the 37th. year of his age
Capt. Nathll. Niles formerly of South Kingstown in Rhod Island Govt. died at Braintree December 22, 1727.

B. Webb, Clerk.

Nathanael Thayer dyed March 28th. 1728.
Dinah, an Indian maid Servant to Mrs Anne Marsh, dyed sudainly in the night (being alone) between the 25th. & 26th. of May 1728.
John Marsh ye son of John Marsh Junr. & Submit his wife dyed May 17th 1728.
Lydia, the Daughter of John Thayer & Lydia his wife Dyed the 15th. June, 1728.
Adam the son of John Hunt & Hannah his wife dyed September ye 1st. 1728.
Nathanael Owen, Junr. dyed Novr. 12th. 1728.
Abigail Hayns widow Dyed Decr. 6th. 1728.
Anna the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen Decd. and Deborah his wife Dyed Decr. 23d. 1728.
Nathanael Spear, Senr. Dyed September 12th. 1728.
Edmund, the son of John Marsh, & Sarah his wife dyed June 7th 1728.
Richard Newcomb Dyed July 9th. 1728.
William Richards Dyed Jany 2d. 1728.
Samuel Allen Junr. Dyed March 18, 1724/5.
Lt Samuel Allen Dyed, August 25th. 1725.
Abigail the daughter of John Webb and Mary his wife Dyed Jan- 17th. 1728/9.
Grace the daughter of Samuel Curtis & Grace his wife dyed January 19th. 1728/9.
John the son of John Webb & Mary his wife Dyed on February 19th. 1728/9, being the second son of that name.
Nathanael, the son of Lt. John Hunt & Rebekah his wife died Feb. 28th. 1728/9.

Eunice the daughter of Joseph Allen & Eunice his wife, dyed March 28th. 1729.

Damaris Clark, widow of Joseph Clark, Dyed August 14th. 1728.

[141] Mary, the daughter of Benjamin Clark & Mary his wife dyed April 30th. 1729.

Jonathan the son of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife dyed April 15th. 1729.

Simon a Negro man belonging to Coll. Quincy was drowned Feb: 20th. 1728/9.

also the of Joseph & Tabitha Servts. to Coll. Quincy Dyed March 3d. 1728/9.

Joseph the son of Josiah Adams & Bethiah his wife dyed July 30th. 1729.

Jeremiah, the son of Richard Thayer and Susannah his wife Dyed June 29th. 1729.

Richard Thayer Junr. dyed September 11th. 1729.

Benjamin, the Son of Jonathan Webb, and Bathsheba his wife Dyed March 3d. 1729/30, aged seven years & six months & eight days.

Amy, the Daughter of Thomas Faxson, and Ruth his wife Dyed, 19th. March 1729/30.

Job, the son of Deacon Samuel Savel & Patience his wife Dyed March 20th. 1729/30.

Thomas Faxson, Dyed March 21st. 1729/30.

Sarah Peniman Dyed March 1729/30.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Thayer & Hannah his wife dyed Feb: 1st. 1729/30.

Jacob, the son of Mr John Wendall & Elizabeth his wife dyed April 19th. 1730.

Mary the wife of John Bowditch Dyed April 21st. 1730.

Daniel the son of Joseph Wales & Hannah his wife Dyed March 13th. 1729/30.

Peter, the son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife Dyed, July 2d. 1730.

Mary the Daughter of Samuel Adams and Sarah his wife Dyed July 5th. 1730.

Mary the Daughter of John Hollbrook and Sarah his wife Dyed August 11th. 1730.

Samuel their Son Dyed Aug: 19th. 1730 &

Joseph their son Dyed Aug: 29 1730.

[142] Prince the son of Benjamin Silvester and Elizabeth his wife Dyed April 22, 1729.

Sarah, the Daughter of Joseph Thayer and Sarah his wife Dyed October 11th. 1730.

Sarah, the daughter of John Curtis and Ziporah his wife dyed October 12th. 1730.

John the son of John Curtis & Ziporah his wife dyed October 22d. 1730.

Abigail the wife of Cornelius Thayer Dyed January 1st. 1730/31.

Mary Wales the Daughter of Thomas Wales & Mary his Wife Dyed July 13th. 1731.

Mehetable Thayer the Daughter of Ephraim Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife Dyed June the 9th. 1731.

William Thayer the son of Ephraim Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife Dyed June 25th. 1731.

Ephraim Thayer, the son of Ephraim Thayer and Mary his wife Dyed June 30th. 1731.

Sarah Webb, the daughter of Christopher Webb, and Anne his wife dyed September 6th. 1731.

Ebenezer Webb, the son of Christopher Webb and Anne his wife Dyed October 26, 1731.

Cordine, the Wife of William Tant dyed the first day of December, 1731.

Solomon Veasey Dyed Feb: 26, 1731, 2.

Sarah Peniman the daughter of Moses Peniman by Mary his wife Dyed March 21, 1729/30.

Eleazer Veasey Dyed June 16, 1732.

Mary the wife of Allexander French, dyed May 30th. 1732.

Benoni the Son of Allexander French by Mary his wife Dyed June 2^{d}. 1732.

Abigail the wife of Joseph Crosbey dyed July 8th. 1732.

Mary the daughter of the Rev^{d}. Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife dyed the 17th day of August 1732 aged four months.

Mrs Elizabeth Town widow dyed the 12th. day of October 1732.

[143] October 11th. 1732, Dependance French Dyed (aged 84 years)

Samuel Bass Dyed October 15th. 1732.

John Marshall Dyed October 25th. 1732.

Hannah Harbour, Dyed October 27th. 1732.

Benjamin Silvester the son of Benjamin Silvester & Elizabeth his wife Dyed April ye 2^{d}. 1732.

Ebenezer Webb the son of Jonathan Webb and Bathshebah his wife Dyed November 26th. 1732.

Mary Owen the wife of Nathaniel Owen Dyed February 14th. 1732/3.

Sarah Ludden the wife of Benjamin Ludden dyed October 27th. 1732.

Mary Dunham the daughter of Caleb Dunham & Mary his wife was born April 9th. 1733, (a mistake see Births

Eunice Thayer the daughter of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife Dyed August 16th. 1732.

William the son of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife Dyed July 26th. 1733, the same day it was born.

Benjamin Allen Dyed October 2^{d}. 1733, being killed by his Cart Wheel going over his Breast the Cart being Loden.

Isaiah Faxson, the son of Josiah Faxson, and Deborah, his wife dyed January 8th. 1732/3, being choaked with a Bean.

Abigail Faxson the Daughter of Josiah Faxson & Deborah his wife dyed the 23^{d} day of July, 1733.

Joseph Green Dyed November 21st. 1733.

Nathaniel Owen, Dyed November 30th. 1733.

John Sanders Dyed December 16th. 1733.
Martha Houghton the daughter of Ebenezer Houghton and Sarah his wife, dyed May 14, 1733 in the ninth year of her age.

[144] A record of Burials in Brantry Henry Adams Clark.
1643, Moses Paine Buried 2 day of the 4th. month 2=4=43.
1646.
Henry Adams Buried the 8 day of the 8th month 8=8=46.

[145] A Record of Buryalls in Brantry. Henry Adams Clark.
1647 Alse, wife of Daniel Weld Buried the 18th. day of the 2 month.
George Ludkin Buried the 22 of the 12th. month, 1647.
1651
Daniel Owen the son of Wilom Owen Buried, the 14th. day 8 mo. 1651.
Josiah Ales, the sonne of Wilom ales and Mary his wife was buried the (8) mo (30) 1651.
Martha Nell the wife of Henry Nell was buried the (23) (5) (53)
Sarah the daughter of Henry Nell and Martha his wife was buried the (16) (3) (53).
Hanna the daughter of Henry Nell and Hanna his wife was buried the (20) (9) (57).

Record of Marrage. Richard Brackett Clerk.
Joseph Arnoll and Rebekah Curtis were marred the (8)th (4) mo. (1648
Wilam Owen and Elizabeth Davies, were marred the (29) ye (7) '50
[146] Elizabeth Hobart, the Daughter of Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth his wife Dyed January 16th. 1733/4.
Mehetabel Spear the Daughter of William Spear & Hannah his wife Dyed Septemb: 28th. 1734.
Grace the Daughter of Samuel Curtis and Grace his wife dyed December 26th. 1734.
Mary the wife of Ephraim Jones dyed January 30th. 1733/4
Mary Nash widow aged about 75 years, dyed April 16th. 1735.
Sarah French the daughter of Thomas French & Mary his wife Dyed July 5th. 1735.
Joseph Ruggles Paine the son of Samuel Pain & Susanna his wife dyed October 16th. 1735.
William Harmon dyed October 20th. 1735.
Mottram, the son of the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife Dyed May 7th. 1736, aged Two weeks.
Phebee Porter, widow of William Porter, late of Norton Dyed June 21st. 1736, aged about fifty five years.
Jacob French the son of Allexander French and Rebekah his wife Dyed June 20th. 1736.
Peter Thayer, the son of Peter Thayer and Anna his wife died July 6, 1736, aged fourteen months.
Thomas Wales the son of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife Dyed July 3d. 1736.

Joshua Hayward the son of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife Dyed December the 27th. 1733.

William Thayer the son of Christopher Thayer and Mary his wife was borne August 22d. 1736 (see Birth)

Pelatiah Peniman the son of William Peniman &

Joshua Hayward son of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife Dyed December 27th. 1733.

Daniel Owin the sonne Wilim Owen born the 1 day of Agust 1651

Joseph Adams dyed the Twelfth day of February 1736/7.

Joseph Parmenter who was Clark of the Town of Braintree for about Thirty years, Dyed February 20th. 1736/7 Etatis 81.

Deaths Recorded By Richard Faxon Town Clerk, as follows.

Bathsheba Webb ye Daughter of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife Dyed the Fifteenth Day of October anno 1737. (Born ye 30th. of June before)

Elizabeth Hobart the daughter of Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth his wife Dyed the Day of October anno. 1737.

Lieut Joseph Neal Dyed the Twenty third Day of December 1737.

Rachel Savel ye Daughter of Willm. Savel & Rachel his wife Dyed April the 12th. 1741.

Nathaniel Wales ye son of Nathaniel Wales and Esther his wife Dyed February 10th. 1737/8.

Samll. Belcher Dyed June the Twenty first 1738.

Catharine Bass, ye Daughter of David Bass and Elizabeth his wife Dyed the 12th. Day of March, 1738.

Elihu Thayer, ye son of Nathll Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife Dyed august 1738.

Ebenezer ye son of Samuel Pain Secdus and Susannah his wife Dyed March 26th. 1739.

Samuel Pain ye son of Samuel Pain junr and Rachel his wife Dyed June 20d 1739.

Stephen Pain ye son of Samll Pain Junr. and Rachel his wife Dyed July 18th. 1739.

[148] Rachel Pain ye daughter of Samll Pain junr and Rachel his wife Dyed July 20th. 1739.

Enock, Pain ye son of Samll Pain Junr. and Rachel his wife Dyed July 31th. 1739.

Rebecah Allen the wife of John Allen Junr. Dyed August 14, 1739.

Nehemiah Pain ye son of Samll. Pain Junr. and Rachel his wife Dyed August 31, 1739.

Rachel Pain ye wife of Samll. Pain junr. dyed October 3d. 1739.

Elijah Niles one of the twin sons of Daniel Niles and Marcy his wife Dyed April 1735.

Nathaniel Thayer ye son of Nathll. Thayr. Junr. & Mary his wife dyed March 1739.

Mr Benjamin Webb (who for several years was Clerk of this town dyed, October 5th. Anno que Dommini 1739.

Elizabeth Adams ye widow or relict of Joseph Adams (deceasel.) Dyed Febry 1739.

William Vinton the son of Thomas Vinton and Hannah his wife Dyed January 7, 1737/8.

John Vinton the son of Thomas Vinton and Hannah his wife Dyed February 5th. 1737/8.

Susannah Nash, the wife of Samuel Nash dyed November twelfth 1739.

Jadadiah Thayer the son of Mr. Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife dyed November 10th. 1740.

John Wales, the son of (Dea.) Thomas Wales and Mary his wife Dyed March 23d. 1740.

Nathaniel Vinton the son of Nataniel Vinton and Anne his wife Dyed May 17th. 1741.

Aaron Adames the son of Samll Adams and Sarah his wife Dyed March 6th. 1740.

[149] Mehitable Fisher late widow Dyed May 18th. 1741.

Marcy Ruggles, the relict of John Ruggles Deceased or his widow dyed August 8, 1741.

Silvanus Ludden the son of John Ludden and Mary his wife Dyed July 5th. 1741.

Mary Wales the wife of Dea. Thomas Wales Dyed Janry 30th 1741

Gideon Thayer Dyed February 7th. 1741, by falling through the ice

Didymus Hayward the son of Aaron Hayward and Ruth his wife Dyed the 5th. May 1741.

Willm. Vinton the son of Samuel Vinton and Elizabeth his wife Dyed Febry 6th 1741.

Ebenezr. Hayward the son of Aaron Hayward and Ruth his wife Dyed August 10th. 1742.

Sarah Thayer, ye wife of Lt. Richard Thayer Dyed Febry 14, 1742.

Anna Vesey the Daughter of William Vesey and Sarah his wife Dyed July 2d. 1737.

Joseph Ruggles Dyed September First 1742.

ye 2d. Anna Vesey the daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife Dyed January 27th. 1745.

Timothy Ludden ye son of John Ludden & Mary his wife Dyed March 21st. 1742.

Dorathy ye wife of Benjamin Porter dyed April 10th. 1743

Hannah Marsh ye daughter of Alexander Marsh & Hannah his wife Dyed April 6th. Aged &c 1744.

Job French ye son of Alexander French & Mary his wife Dyed June 19th. 1744.

Mary Ruggles, ye Wife of Josiah Ruggles Dyed June 28 1744.

Benja Savel ye son of Benja Savel & Mary his wife Dyed Feb. 23d. 1743.

[150] Ephraim Wales the son of Capt Thomas Wales and Mary his wife Dyed October 6th. 1744.

William Allen ye son of Thomas Allen & Mary his wife Dyed June 7th. 1744.

Mary Belcher ye Daughter of Nathaniel Belcher & Hannah his wife Dyed June 6th. 1744.

Hannah Belcher, ye Daughter of Nathaniel Belcher & Hannah his wife dyed June 21st. 1744.

Ruth Hayward, ye wife of Aaron Hayward Dyed June, 22.

Anna Thayer ye daughter of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife Dyed November 25th. 1744.

Ensn. Alexander French Dyed Janu^{y} 31st. 1744.

Rachel Cowin the wife of Jno Cowin dyed June 21st. 1745.

Ruth Hayward the wife of Aaron Hayward dyed June 22^{d} 1745

John Marsh dyed (also on s^{d}) June 22^{d}. 1745.

Hannah Noyes the wife of William Noyes Dyed November 14, 1745, Aged fifty Eight Years Six months 28 days.

Jonathan Clark Dyed May 25th. 1746.

Sam^{ll}. French ye son of Thomas French Sec^{dus}. & Mary his wife Dyed, July 7th. 1745.

Samson a Negro, Man (Servant to Peter Markquand) Dyed June 27th 1746.

Betty, Clark, ye daughter of Jonath^{n} Clark deceased & Jemima his wife Dyed, July 9th. 1746.

Enoch Penniman ye Son of James Penniman & Dorcus his wife Dyed October 6th. 1746.

John Penniman ye son of James Penniman & Dorcus his wife Dyed October 14th. 1746.

William Vinton the son of Lt Sam^{ll}. Vinton & Elizabeth his wife dyed Feb^{ry}. 7th. 1746.

Mary Neal Wid^{o}. Dyed April 18th. 1747 viz. the Relict of Mr. Joseph Neal Deceas^{d}

John Thayer Ter^{us}. Dyed September 10th. 1745.

John Wales, the son, of Capt. Thom^{s}. Wales and Sarah, his wife Dyed March 7th. 1747.

John Vesey the son of William Vesey & Sarah his wife dyed November 16th. 1746

John Bowditch dyed March 26th. 1747.

Benjamin Hayden Dyed May 14th. 1738.

Ruth Hayden ye Daughter of Benja Hayden & Elizabeth his wife Dyed Aug 12, 1739.

Nehemiah Hayden ye son of Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth his wife dyed January 10th. 1746.

Anna Vesey ye Daughter of W^{m}. Vesey & Sarah his wife died January 27th. 1741.

John Vesey ye son of William Vesey & Sarah his wife dyed November 16th. 1746.

Anna Vesey ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife Dyed July 2^{d}. 1737.

Sarah Faxon the Daughter of Richard Faxon and Anna (or Hannah) his wife Dyed November, the second anno Dom. 1748.

[151] Anna Thayer ye Daughter of Nath^{ll}. Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife Dyed Novemb^{r}. 1748.

Mary Fenton the Daughter of Thomas Fenton Junr. & Eleanor his wife Dyed December 16th. 1746.

Nathaniel Thayer ye son of Nath^{ll}. Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife Dyed November 24th. 1748.

Marjary Hayward ye Daughter of John Hayward & Silence his wife Dyed Feb^ry^. 14th. 1743/4.
Dorothy Niles the wife of John Niles Junr. (alias Ter^ius^) dyed November 7th. 1748.
Ebenezer Crane Dyed August 11th 1748.
Thomas Clark a lad lived w^t^ s^d^. Crane dyed Augt. 15th. 1748.
Hannah Faxon the wife of Edward Faxon dyed March 174
Mr. Peter Clark dyed November 13th. 1747 aged 27 years twelve days.
Rhoda Hayward ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife dyed September 20th. 1743.
Rhoda Hayward ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife December 24th. 1747.
Sarah Brackett ye Daughter of Moses Brackett & Sarah his wife dyed December 7th. 1750.
Mary French the Daughter of Sam^ll^. French Sec^dus^ & Mary wife Dyed April 17th. 1748.
Rachel Tower ye wife of John Tower Dyed July 18th. 1750.
John Wild Dyed October 14th. 1750.
John White ye son of John White & Ruth his wife dyed July 3, 1750.
Sam^ll^. Vinton ye son of David Vinton & Ruth his wife dyed, December 14th. 1751.
Samuel Linfield ye son of David Linfield and Hannah, his wife Dyed January 13th. 1752.
Jno. son of Jno Noyce & Sarah his wife Dyed Septr. 2^d^. 1749.
Elizabeth Thayer ye Daughter of Josiah Thayer & Mary his wife Dyed Decemb^r^. 2^d^. 1748.
Ruth Chesman ye Daughter of Samuel Chessman & Mary his wife Dyed April 12th. 1752.
Elizabeth Faxon ye wife of Thomas Faxon dyed April 5th. 1752.
Elihu Faxon ye son of Thomas Faxon & Elizabeth his wife dyed February, 1st 1752, Viz^t^. two months & 4 or 5 days, before his mother
Thomas Faxon ye Son of Thomas Faxon & Elizabeth his wife dyed June 12th. 1752, vizt two months & seven days after his mother.
Nathaniel Thayer Dyed, January 3^d^. 1751.
Benjamin Ludden Died June 9th. 1752.
[152] Joh^n^ Niles Dyed May 7th. 1751.
Margret Niles the wife of John Niles above said Dyed May the tenth 1751.
Ebenezer Niles (their Kinsman Dyed May the eleventh 1751.
Peter Niles the son of the above said John Niles & Margret his wife Dyed, May 14th. 1751
Nathan Niles their son Dyed May 15th. 1753.
Mary Clark their Kinswoman, Dyed May 17th. 1751.
Mary Thayer ye Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer & Mary his wife Dyed January the 29th. 1753.
Sarah Tower ye daughter of John Tower & Rachel his wife was born May 1745
John Tower ye son of John Tower & Rachel his wife dyed May 1743.

Sarah Tower Dyed May 1749, vizt ye Daughter of J^{no} Tower and Rachel his wife.

Rebecah Hayden ye wife of John Hayden Junr. Dyed April 3^{d} 1749.

John Hollis Dyed November 1746, the Husband of Hannah Hollis.

John Hollis ye first son of John Hollis & Allatheah his wife dyed May 1742.

Prudence Thayer ye Daughter of Abraham Thayer & Sarah his wife Dyed December 21st. 1748.

Avis Thayer ye Daughter of Abraham Thayer and Sarah his wife Dyed December 26th. 1748.

Simeon Ludden the son of John Ludden & Mary his wife died March 11th. &.

Anna Ludden, Daughter to John Ludden & Mary his wife died March 12, 1753.

Ann Vesey the Daughter of Elijah Vesey and Ann his wife Died February 6th. 1748.

Elijah Vesey son to Elijah Vesey and Ann his wife died Augst 16, 1749.

The widow Sarah Dorman Eldest child of M^{r}. Ephraim Thayer Died June 12th. 1753.

Josiah Vinton son to Thomas Vinton and Mehitibel his wife Died Octr. 22^{d}. 1753.

Mary French the Daughter of Samuel French and Mary his wife Died November 2^{d}. 1753.

Mehitibal Faxon the widow of Josiah Faxon died March the 1, 1753.

[153] Sam^{ll}. French, the son of Elijah French and Mary his wife died November 22^{d}. 1753.

Unis French the Daughter of Thomas French & Mary his wife Dyed February 8th. 1754, South Precinct.

Patience French the wife of Seth French Died April the first 1754, who by reason of sores had not lain down in a bed nor stood without help, above Three years.

Abigail Eseget, widow of Eleazer Eseget Died February 14th. 1752.

John Coddington Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer & Susannah his wife Died December 4th. 1753.

Susannah Thayer, the wife of Ebenezer Thayer Died in Child bed and her Infant also died May 9th. 1754.

Job Thayer, the son of Gideon Thayer Deceas^{d}. died May 9th. 1754.

John White the son of John White & Ruth Died July 4th. 1750

Nathan Thayer the son of Samuel Thayer Died March 12th. 1755

Thomas Thayer the son of Thomas Thayer & Lydia his wife Died February 7th. 1755

Hannah Belcher the wife of Nathaniel Belcher Died February 2^{d}. 1755.

Mary Blancher the Daughter of Samuel Blancher & Mary his wife died April 14th. 1755

William Bass son of Samuel Bass & Anna his wife died Augst. 21, 1753.

William Thayer son of Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife died January 27th. 1756.

Rebeccah Curtis the wife of Samuel Curtis Died June 3, 1756.

Solomon White the son of John & Ruth White Died apr^{l}. 1st 1755.

Samuel Miller Thayer, the son of Capt Ebenezer Thayer & Rebecca his wife Died Feb^{ry} 11th. 1757.

Mary French the wife of Elijah French Died augst. 18th. 1757.

Ruth Nye, Dyed at Mr. Marquands Decr. 1757.

Mary Niles the daughter of John Niles & Dorothy his wife Dyed March 27th. 1757, in the Twentieth year of her age.

[154] Jonathan Wild Died with an awfull Protuberance on his back attended with a cancerous humor that spread on his body and rose to nigh the bigness of a half bushell July 16th. 1756.

Mr. Ephraim Jones aged above four Score died Jany 27th. 1757.

Silas Ludden the son of John Ludden died in his return from the Army Octr. 29th. 1756.

Elisha Ludden the son of John Ludden Dyed in August 1759, at Boston.

Thomas Wales the son of Capt. Thomas Wales Dyed in his passage from Quebec November 9th. 1759.

Thaddeus Hayden the son of Samuel Hayden Died at his uncle Jonathan Allen August 31, 1759.

Daniel Ludden son of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife Died November 8th. 1758.

Mary Bass, the wife of Benjamin Bass, Died July 8th. 1760.

Benjamin French, Died October 6, 1759.

Adam French, son of the above Benj^{a} Died Jan^{ry} 29th. 1761

Daniel Bass, died January 19th. 1761.

Sarah Marquand the wife of Peter Marquand Died May 20th. 1761.

Hannah Bass the wife of John Bass Dyed May 15th. 1761.

Samuel Wales Died Septr. 6th. 1760.

Elizth. Wales, Daughter of Nathaniel Wales & Anna his wife Died June 29th. 1750.

Anna Wales wife of Nath^{ll}. Wales Died May 12th. 1753.

Elizabeth Wales, wife of Capt. Elkanah Wales Died February 27th. 1763.

Capt. Elkanah Wales died December 12th. 1763.

John Hollis son of John Hollis died March 27th. 1764.

Abner Thayer a son of Uriah Thayer Died August 29th. 1762.

Marriages.

[155] Marriages by ye Rev^{d}. Mr. John Hancock.

Samuel Sever of Dorchester (and) Hannah Faxon of Braintree April 29th. 1739.

John Stodard (&) Anna Dyer of Braintree August 9th. 1739.

Moses Marsh & Sarah Crosby of Braintree September 5th. 1739.

Joseph Wales (&) Elizabeth Crosby of Braintree September 19th. 1739.

Peter Blackman of Dorchester & Hannah Spear of Braintree April 3d. 1740.

Joseph Miriam of Milton & Mary Haynes of Braintree April 24th. 1740.

Revd. William Smith of Weymouth & Elizabeth Quincy of Braintree, October 16th. 1740.

Peter Dyer & Dorothy Hayden of Braintree October 16th. 1740

Job Nash of Weymouth & Abigail Haynes of Braintree October 23d. 1740.

Samuel Nightingal & Abigail Belcher of Braintree November 6th. 1740.

Samuel Palmer of Scituate & Lydia Vesey of Braintree November 4th. 1740.

Capt. William Hunt of Braintree & Elizabeth Belcher of Milton Decembr. 25th. 1740.

Samuel Webb & Sarah Lincoln of Braintree December 25th. 1740

Thomas Cummins of Milton & Rebekah Field of Braintree Jany 15th. 1740/41.

Felix Nahauton & Ann Black Indians of Braintree March 12th. 1740/1

Joseph Nightingal & Hannah Bass of Braintree April 2d. 1741.

Samuel Wild & Susannah Hayward of Braintree April 30th. 1741.

Isaiah Thayer & Sarah White of Braintree September 17th. 1741.

London Servant to Mrs Jekyel of Cambridge & Nancy Servant to Jos. Crosby Esqr. of Braintree October 12th. 1741

[156] (Dea) Thomas Wales and Mrs Sarah Belcher (Widow and Relict of Samll) were married by the Revd. Jno. Hancock Septr. 7, 1742.

Samuel Marsh & Jemima Spear were Married December 31, 1741.

Clement Crane & Rebekah French were Married April 14th. 1742.

Joseph Owen junr. & Elizabeth Newcomb were married April 23d. 1742

Samuel Spear junr. & Rachel Hinkely were married May 27th. 1742.

John Cloughs, of Boston & Mary George of Braintree were married June 17th. 1742.

Phillip Liscom of Stoughton & Elizabeth Neal of Braintree were married April 6th. 1743.

John Wardel of Boston & Susanna Newcomb of Braintree were married April 28th. 1743.

Daniel Spear & Ruth Copeland were married August 11th. 1743.

William Trask & Sarah Hayden were married November 3d. 1743

Dea. Samuel Bass & Jerusha Webb were married Janry 10, 1743.

John Billings of Milton & Sarah Spear, were married Febry 2d. 1743.

John Thaxter of Hingham & Anna Quincy of Braintree were married Febry 24th. 1743.

Thus far on this page by the Revcd Jno Hancock of Braintree.

Marriages by Revcd. Elisha Eaton &c.

Jonathan Porter & Hannah Hayden were married Septr. 14th. 1742.

Josiah Thayer & Mary Veasey apr^{ll}. 20th. 1743.
Elisha Shaw & Susannah Clark were married January 3^{d}. 1743.
Caleb Hobart Junr. & Elizabeth French were married March 15th. 1743.
these ent^{d} & carried in to ye Clark of ye Court.
More Marriages by the Rev^{ed}. Mr. Elisha Eaton.
Nehemiah Holbrook & Christian Thayer were married May 10, 1744.
Jonathan Wild & Hannah Bass, were married September 25, 1744
John Haws & Sarah Niles were married November 6th. 1744.
Benjamin Porter & Marcy Dorman were married November 20th. 1744.
James Orbeton & Mary Robertsson were married November 20th 1744
Atherton Wales & Sarah Belcher were married December 4th. 1744.
Seth French & Patience Stephens were married Feb^{ry}. 7th. 1745.
Ebenezer Crane, Sec^{dus} & Elizabeth Jordan were married March ye 14th. 1745
[157] More by Mr. Elisha Eaton of Braintree.
Nathaniel Sumner & Lydia Richards were married July 18th. 1745.
Seth Man & Rachel Spear were married October 14th. 1745.
Elijah Jorden & Joanna Veasey were married Jan^{ry} 1st. 1745.
Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Susanna Niles were married April 3^{d}. 1746.
More Marriages by the Rev^{ed}. Mr. Elisha Eaton of Braintree.
John Hollis & Mary Garner were married November 6th. 1746.
Sam^{ll}. Chesman & Mary Tower ware married July 23^{d}. 1747.
Alexander French & Susanna Crane were married October 22^{d}. 1747.
John Hayden & Rebecaca French were married March the 11th 1747.
George Mearsh and Mary Elizabeth Bebsten were married by John Quincey Esqr. December 24th. 1752.
Frederick Syder & Christiane Solomy Hackrathin both of this Town were married by John Quincey Esqr. March 20th. 1753.
Thomas Faxon & Elizabeth Hubart were married September 22^{d}. 1746, By ye Rev^{d}. Mr.
Thomas Faxon of Braintree & Anna Clark of Danvis were married by the Rev^{d}. Mr. Peter Clark of s^{d} Danvis on or about ye 14th. of September 1752.
George Martin Steubing & Ernestina Geyer were married by John Quincey Esqr. March 6th. 1753,
George Breisner & Elizabeth Hardwick were married by John Quincey Esqr. October 5th. 1753.
Elisha Niles & Anna Wild both of this Town were Married Decr. 7, 1752, by the Rev^{ed}. Mr. Niles
[158] Marriages the Rev^{ed}. Anthony Wibird.
Seth Copeland & Lydia Kingman were married 1755
Daniel Baxter & Prudence Spear were married 1755.
Benjamin Bass & Mary Brackett were married 1756.
Ebenezer Newcomb & Jemima Allen were marrried 1756.
Peter Adams & Elizabeth Rawson were married 1756.

Josiah Quincey Esq & Miss^{ts} Elizabeth Waldron were married Februa^{ry} 19, 1756.

Benjamin Fessenden & Hannah Lash were married 1756.

Samuel Bass, & Abigail Turner were married 1757.

Samuel Trask & Abigail Pray were married Decr. 1st. 1757.

[159] Peter Towne of Cambridge was maried to Elizabeth Payn of Brantry by M^{r}. Moses Ffisk Anno Dom : 1697, April 8th.

Samuel Baxter was maried to Mary Beales both of Brantrey By M^{r}. Moses Fisk 3^{d}. of June 1697.

Thomas White Junior & Mehetable Adams were married 21st. July 1697 by Mr. Moses Fisk.

John Sanders and Susanna Tompson were maried by Samuel Sewell Esqr. May 24th. 1698.

Benjamin Hobart and Susanna Newcomb were maried by Samuel Sewell Esqr. April 5th. 1699.

Thomas Copeland & Mary arnold were maried by Pen Townsend Esqr. 17 May 1699.

Benjamin Scott of Braintree & Mary Daniel of Milton were married by M^{r}. Peter Thatcher May 31, 1699.

W^{m}. Thayer, & Hannah Hayward were maried 22^{d} September Anno Dom. 1699, by M^{r}. Moses Fisk.

Joshua Morse of Medfield & Elizabeth Peniman of Braintree were married by Timothy Dwight Esqr. ye 8th November, 1699.

James Turbefield & Mercy Campbell were married by Jeremiah Dummer Esqr. December 6, 1699.

Shadrach Wilbor & Joanna Neall were married ye 20th. day of March, 1700, by Mr. Moses Fisk.

Joseph Webb & Deborah Bass were both Married by Samuel Sewell Esqr. the 29th. day of November 1699.

Benjamin Niel & Ruth Scant were married ye 19th. May 1698, by ye Rev^{d}. Mr Moses Fiske.

John Webb & Mary Ashley of Boston were married ye 20 march 1701 by James Bagly Esq.

Peter Hobart & Deborah Hayward were married the 17th. May 1700, by the Rev. Moses Fiske.

Joseph Allen & Abigail Savel were married by Mr. Fisk y^{e} 14th. August 1701.

John Marsh & Sarah Wilson were married by John Wilson Esqr. 28th August 1701.

[160] Benjamin Allen & Sarah Tompson were married y^{e} 2^{d}. October, 1702 by

John Harding Junio^{r}. & Mary Littlefield were married y^{e} 6th day of January 170$\frac{3}{4}$ by Moses Fisk

Joseph Allen & Lydia Holbrook, were married y^{e} 27th. day of January 1704, by Ephraim Hunt, Esqr.

Benjamin Thayer & Margreett Curtis were married y^{e} 17th day of August 1704 by Samuel Eells Esqr.

James Penniman and Abigail Thayer were married y^{e} 12th day of July 1705, by Rev Mr. Moses Fisk.

Samuel Nash & Mary Brown were married ye nineth day of July 1705 by Mr. Moses Fisk.

Edward Adams & Rachel Sanders were married ye eleventh day of April 1706 by John Wilson Esqr.

Samuel White and Deborah Penniman were married the 5th day of December 1701 by the Rev^{d} Mr Moses Fisk.

Richard Russ & Elizabeth Hayns were married ye 24th. day of March 1707 by the R^{d}. M^{r}. Moses Fisk.

Nathan Brackett & Hannah Veasy were married by Capt. John Wilson Esqr. ye 27 day of March 1707.

Samuel Penniman and Ellin Payne were married the 14th. Day of May 1707 by ye R^{vd} M^{r}. Moses Fisk.

Jonathan Hayward & Susannah Mills were married ye 10th. Day of December 1707 by Samuel Sewall Esqr.

Ephraim Joans and Mary Speer were married ye 13th. Day of January 1708, by Mr. Hughe Adams.

Samuel Veasey & Deborah Wales were married ye 5th February 1708 by Mr. Hughe Adams.

Richard Thayer, & Susannah White were married ye 18th. day of May 1708 by Mr Hugh Adams.

Samuel Nash & Susannah Thayer were marrid ye 24th. day of May 1708, by Mr. Hughe Addams.

Benjamin Hayward, & Mary Arnold were married 1st day of July 1708 by Mr. Hughe Addams.

Thomas Vinton & Hannah Thayer were married the 10th day of August 1708, by M^{r}. Hughe Addams.

[161] Samuel Payn & Mary Penniman were married by M^{r}. Joseph Dudly ye 4th. day of April 1678 & had by her the children here recorded

Mary Payne, was borne y^{e}. 27th. October 1680.

Lydia Payne, was born ye 6th. day of January 1681

Samuel Payne, was born ye 26 November, 1684.

Hannah Payne, was born ye 1st. day February 1687.

Joseph Payne was born ye 3^{d}. day of august, 1689.

Mehetable Payne was born ye 8th. December, 1693.

Benjamin Payne was born the 28th. day of December Anno Dom 1696.

Nathaniel Thayer and Releife Hide were married 13, January 1708/9, by Jeremiah Dummer Esq.

Richard Russ, & Elizabeth Heins were married by Mr Moses Fisk 24th. March, 1707.

Samuel Savel & Mary French were married ye 25th. April 1707 by Mr. Moses Fisk

Joseph Deane & Mary Faxon were married ye 7th. May 1707 by Mr. Moses Fiske.

Samuel Penniman and Ellin Payne were married the 14th. May 1707, by M^{r}. Moses Fisk.

Richard Davenport & Abigail Newcomb were married ye 21st. May 1707 by Mr Moses Fisk.

William Taunt & Cordine Pocock were married the 22^{d}. January 1708 by Mr Moses Fiske

Peter Jusee & Mary Haman were married the 16 day of February 1708 by Mr Moses Fiske

The Reverend Mr. Joseph Marsh & M^{s}. Anna Fiske were married by Col. Edmund Quinsey Esqr. the 30th June 1709.

Richard Faxon & Anna Brackett were married the 30th. December 1709 by ye Reverend Mr. Joseph Marsh.

John Beall and Anna Crosbye were married the 26th. September 1710 by Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Joseph Nightingal & Hannah Payne were married by Mr. Joseph Marsh 8 November, 1711.

Ebenezer Nightingal & Hannah Spear, married the 13th. December 1711 by Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Peter Newcomb & Mary Humphrey were married the (January 1711/12) by Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Samuel Baxter & Deborah Brackett were married ye 19th January 1713, by Mr. Joseph Marsh.

John Medcalf of Dedham and Bethial Savel were married the 12th. February 1713 by ye Rv^{d}. Mr. Joseph Marsh.

[162] Richard Faxon & Anna His wife were married December 29th. 1709 by ye Rev^{d}. Mr Joseph Marsh, Minist^{r}. in Braintree. Recorded March 26th. 1737

[163] See ye Record also Over leaf Back.

Ichabod Allin of Martain's Vinyard, & Elizabeth Belcher, of Braintree were married ye 25 December 1701 by ye R^{vd} Mr. Moses Fisk.

Joseph Brackett & Mehetable Belcher both of Braintree were maryed y^{e} 25 December 1701 by Mr Moses Fisk.

Benjamin Gurney & Rebecca Staples were married y^{e} 30th. December 1701, by Mr. Moses Fisk.

Thomas Bolton of Weymouth & Rebecca Thayer of this town were maryed by Mr. Moses Fisk, y^{e} 12 February 170$\frac{1}{2}$.

Mordica Lincoln, of Scituate and Mary Chapin of Braintree were marryed y^{e} 17 February 170$\frac{1}{2}$.

Nathaniel Mills & Mary Speare were marryed y^{e} 3^{d} January 1703 by Mr. Moses Fisk.

Moses Curtis & Dorothy Ashby were marryed y^{e} 1st. March 1703 by Mr. Moses Fisk.

Joseph White & Sarah Bayley were married y^{e} 6th. day of December by Samuel Sewell Esqr.

Samuel Niel & Mercy Sacan were married ye 18 November 1708.

Richard Thayer, and Mary White were married February ye 6th. 1711, by Jeremiah Dummer Esqr.

Samuel Arnold & Sarah Webb were married September 13th. 1711, by Mr. Samuel Niel.

Jonathan Clark & Jemimah Staples were married October the 5th. 1711 by the R^{vd}. Mr Samuel Niel.

David Clark & Ruth Copeland were Married 24th September 1713 by the R^{vd}. Mr Samuel Niel.

Edmund Littlefield & Bethiah Waldo were Married the 6th December 1711 by the R^{vd} Mr Samuel Niel.

John Hayden & Margrett Thayer were married the 26th February 17$\frac{12}{13}$ by the R^{vd} Mr. Samuel Niel.

John Thayer & Mary Walles were married the 8th. Day of April 1714 by ye Rnd. Mr Samuel Niel.

Thomas White & Mary Bowdige were marryed the 29 April 1714 by ye Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niel.

[164] Samuel Bagley & Elizabeth Nash were married the 17 August, 1714, by ye Rvd Mr Samuel Niel.

Thomas French and Mary Allin were married the 18th. August 1714, by ye Rvd Mr. Samuel Niel.

Joseph Sawin & Lydia Payne were married the 17th. day of December 1714, by ye Rvd. Mr Samuel Niel.

John Thayer & Rebekah French were married by the Rvd Mr. Samuel Niel 26, May 1715.

Ebenezer Niel & Sarah Littlefield were married 28 July 1715, by ye Rvd. Mr. Saml. Niel.

Seth Dorman & Sarah Thayer were married ye 4th August, 1715 by the Rvd. Mr Samuel Niel.

Joseph Pray & Lydia White were married 5 December 1715 by ye Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niel.

Benjamin White & Lydia Sacan were married ye 17 January, 17$\frac{16}{15}$ by the Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niel.

Samuel Wild & Bethiah Copeland were married the 8th. Day of February 1715/16 by ye Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niel.

Nathaniel Rawson & Hannah Tompson were married the 5th. day of November 1713 by the Rvd. Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Benjamin Owen & Mehetable Savel were married by ye Rvd Mr. Joseph Marsh, 1st December 1713.

Jno Bass, & Lydia Savel were married by ye Rvd Mr Joseph Marsh, the 18th. February 1713.

Ephraim Jones & Mary Adams were married by Mr. Joseph Marsh, the 1st. April 1714.

Nathaniel Owen & Deborah Parmenter were married by Mr Joseph Marsh, ye 22d April, 1714

The Revd. Mr. Daniel Baker & Ms Mary Quinsey were married the 7th. April 1715, by ye Rvd. Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Nathaniel Bullard & Mary Hanes were married the 23d. June 1715 by Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Eleazer Isgate & Abigail Copeland were married the 23d. Day of November 1715 by ye Rvd. Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Moses Belcher and Anne Sason of Edgartown on Martha's Vinyard in Dukes County were married by ye Rvd Mr. Samuel Wiswell ye 20th. May 1715.

Thomas Faxson and Ruth Webb were married by the Reverend Mr. Samuel Niel, the 22d. May 1716.

The Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niel of this town & Mrs. Anne Codington of Newport in Rhoad Island were married ye 22d. Day of November 1716 by Governor Cranson of Rhoad Island.

Thomas Wales and Mary Belcher were Married January 13, 17$\frac{18}{19}$

[165] Ebenezer Lamson & Sarah Savel were married by the Rvd. Mr. Marsh, 12th. April 1716.

John Bass & Hannah Neall were marrid by Mr. Marsh the 21st. June 1716.

Ebenezer Crane & Elizabeth Cock, were married the 9th. November, 1716 by Mr. Marsh.

Daniel Mekusett & Mary Thayer were married by the Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles June 27, 1716.

Joseph Ludden, & Dorathy Thayer were married by ye Rvd. Mr Samuel Niles 9 January 17$\frac{16}{17}$.

Joseph Payn & Sarah Powel were married by ye Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles 28th. March 1717.

John Hollis & Hannah Ruggle were married by the Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles 21 May 1717.

Joseph Gannit & Hannah Hayward were married by the Rvd Mr. Samuel Niles 25 November 1717.

Samuel Liscome & Mary Clark were married by the Rvd. Mr Samuel Niles the 2d January 1717/18.

William Wild & Anna White were married by the Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles 2d December, 1717.

Zachariah Thayer & Elizabeth Curtis were married by the Rvd. Mr Samuel Niles 4th. February 1717/18.

Ephraim Thayer & Mary Copeland were married, by the Rvd. Mr Samuel Niles 1 April 1718.

Philip Thayer and Mary Wilson were married by ye Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles 1 April 1718.

Nathaniel Spear, & Lydia Littlefield were married the 3d. April 1718 by the Rvd. Mr. Samuel Niles.

A negro man Tony, and negro woman Penelope of Mrs Tomas' negros were married by the Rvd. Mr Samuel Niles the 27th. February 17$\frac{17}{18}$.

Nathaniel Wardel & Hannah Belcher were married October ye 10th. 1717 by the Reverend Mr Joseph Marsh.

Samuel Gulliver & Mary Spear were married the twelfth Day of December 1717 by the Rvd. Mr. Marsh.

Nathaniel Hews & Mary Hayden were married the 17 December 1717 by ye Rvd. Mr. Marsh.

Josiah Faxon and Deborah Thayer were married the 13th. of January 1717/18 by ye Rvd. Mr. Marsh.

Joseph Green and Elizabeth Spear were married the 13th. March 1718 by ye Rvd. Mr Marsh.

Ezekiel Crane & Mary Cock were married ye 8th. Day of April 1718 by the Rvd Mr Marsh.

these all returned.

[166] Solomon Veasey & Sarah Parmenter were married the 14th. day of August 1718 by Major John Quinsey Esq.

Josiah Adams & Bethiah Tompson, were married by the Rvd Mr. Joseph Marsh, ye 20th. day of November 1718.

Daniel Linfield and Hannah Dinsdel were married by Major John Quinsey Esqr. 22 January 1718/19.

Henry Turner & Ellinner Vesey were married by ye Rvd. Mr. Daniel Manson 23 April 1719.

Ebenezer Spear & Mary Copeland were married by the Rvd Mr. Samuel Niles the day of 1718

William Copeland & Mary Thayer married by ye R^{vd} Mr. Samuel Niles 15th. June 1718.

Dependance French & Anna Thayer were married by ye R^{vd} Mr. Samuel Niles ye 10th. July 1718.

Nathaniel Littlefield & Abigail Spear were married by ye R^{vd}. Mr. Samuel Niles 18 December 1718.

Thomas Wales & Mary Belcher were married ye 13th. January, 1718/19 by ye R^{vd} Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Jonathan Hayward & Mary Savel were married the 14th January 1719/20 by ye R^{vd}. Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Jonathan Wild of Braintree & Sarah Randel of Weymouth were marryed by the Rev^{d}. Mr Samuel Niles July 29, 1719. The record whereof I rec^{d}. from the Rev^{d}. Mr Niles, Benj^{a}. Webb, Clerk.

These following were married by ye R^{vd} Mr. Samuel Niles in ye year 1719/20.

Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth Tompson ye 2 June 1719.

Benjamin Clark & Mary Niels 17 August 1719.

The R^{vd}. Mr. Peter Clark of Salem & Mrs. Deborah Hobart 6th. November, 1719.

Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel Wales November 12th. 1719

Ebenezer Hayden & Mary Hollis 30 November 1719

David Ames & Mehetable Pain 10th. December, 1719.

Jonathan Hayden & Sarah Copeland 22^{d} December 1719.

Josiah Hobart & Sarah Savel 23^{d}. December 1719.

William Bowditch & Mary Bass 2^{d}. April 1720.

Thomas Nash & Abigail Norkit 18th. April 1720.

These following were married by y^{e} R^{vd}. Mr. Joseph Marsh, in y^{e} year 1718/19.

Josiah Adams & Bethiah Tompson 20 November 1718.

Thomas Wales, & Mary Belcher, 13 January 1718/19.

Jonathan Hayward and Mary Savel 14, January 17$\frac{19}{20}$.

These all above are returned.

Gregory Belcher & Abigail Bracket were married by John Quincey Esqr. y^{e} 6th. day of august 1719.

all above are returned to y^{e} Clark of y^{e} Court.

Mr. Joseph Hersey of Abbington & Abigail Nash of Weymouth were married by John Quincy Esqr. 17th. December 1719.

this too was returned.

[167] The following were married by ye Rev^{d}. Mr Samuel Niles.

John Smith & Abigail Littlefield 9th. June 1720.

Josiah Hobart & Mercy Copeland

David Niles & Hannah Sekin 20th. December, 1720.

Ephraim Arnold & Rachel Mekusett 2^{d} February 1720–1

Samuel Vinton & Elizabeth French 22^{d}. March 1720–1

John Nash, & Mary Turbefield June 28th. 1721.

These following were married by the R^{vd} Mr. Joseph Marsh.

Henry Carley & Rebekah Belcher 14 September 1720.

Samuel Adams & Sarah Payne 6th. October, 1720.

Edward Dorr, & Elizabeth French 9th. November 1720.

Joseph Spear, & Abigail Cleg 10 November, 1720.
Christopher Dyer, & Anna Littlefield 10 November 1720.
Joseph Neall & Sarah Mills ye 9th. March 1720.
William Moss, and Hannah Bass, May 11th. 1721
Nathaniel Houghten & Mary Belcher July 20th. 1721
Ebenezer Field & Abigail Neall, august 7th. 1721.
These following were Married by John Quincey Esqr.
Benjamin Soper & Mary Marshall September 22^{d}. 1721.
John Bowditch & Mary Hersey May 10th. 1722.
17 all Returned.
John George & Mary Hinckley were married November the 5th. 1722, by Habjah Savage Esquire.
These following were married by ye Rev^{d}. Mr Niles.
Isaac Newcomb & Thankful White 9th. April 1722.
Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth Faxson 12th. May 1722
Benjamin Spear, and Sarah Niles July 20th. 1722.
Dearing Spear, and Deborah Niles July 20th. 1722.
John Capin & Ruth Thayer 20th September 1722.
Samuel Thayer & Jane Mortemore 25th. October 1722
Seth Copeland & Mary Holbrook 12th. December 1722
Seth Chapin & Elizabeth French 24th. January 1722/3.
These under by Mr. Marsh.
Moses Payne and Abigail Adams were married by the Revered Mr. Joseph Marsh, the 31st. day of October, 1723.
Benjamin Richards & Lydia Faxon 20 November, 1722
Samuel Bass, & Hannah White December 4th. 1722.
Shadrach Thayer, & Rachel White 2^{d} May 1723.
Samuel Bass & Sarah Savel 15th. August 1723.
Moses Payne and Abigail Adams 31, October 1723.
[168] The following married on the other side by John Quincy Esqr.
August 13th. 1723, Stephen Crane and Comfort Belcher were married by John Quincy Esqr.
January 10th. 1722/3 Peter a Negro man & Dutchess a Negro Woman both Major Quinseys servants married by him, said John Quincey Esqr.
May 7th. 1723, Joseph Wales and Hannah Allen by said John Quincey Esq.
all thus far returned.
These 6 following were married by the R^{vd}. Mr. Samuel Niles.
Gideon Thayer & Hannah Hollis the 3^{d}. June 1723.
Alexander French & Mary White the 6th day of June 1723.
Moses Thayer and Christian Aspinal 6 August 1723.
Thomas French & Mary Owen 5th November 1723.
Nathaniel Blanchard & Hannah Thayer 14th. April 1724.
David Thayer & Dorothy Blanchard 17, December 1724.
all returned.
These 9 nine Following were married by the R^{vd}. Mr. Joseph Marsh.
Nathaniel Storry & Sarah Hayward 13th. July 1724.
Benjamin Allen & Deborah Savel 8th. October 1724.

Ebenezer Pierce & Sarah Bagley 4th. November, 1724.
Mr. John Wendal & Mrs. Elizabeth Quincey 12 November 1724.
Thomas Baxter & Deliverance Marshall 12 November 1724.
Eleazer Fisher & Mary Penniman 19 November 1724.
John Curtis & Zipporah Belcher 7 January 1724/5.
David Bass & Elizabeth Belcher, 12 February 1724/5.
all these Returned.
These following were married by the Revd. Mr. Samuel Niles.
David Thayer and Dorathy Blanchard, December, 17, 1724.
John Wild & Mary Hollis about the 16th. May 1725.
Thomas White and Abigail Penniman 17 June 1725.
Nathaniel French & Susannah Blanchard 17 August 1725.
Isaac Dogget & Abigail Allin 9th September 1725.
Ezekiel Thayer & Mehetable White 4th. November 1725.
Benjamin Hunt & Sarah Niles 9th December 1725.
John Holbrook & Sarah Hunt 6 January 1725/6.
Samuel Belcher & Sarah Hayward 13, January 1725,/6.
Jeremiah Belcher & Mary Hayward 23d June 1726.
Deering Spear & Jemima Thayer 30 June 1726.
Ebenezer Copeland & Deborah White 17 February 1725/6.
all returned.
These following were married by the Rvd. Mr. Joseph Marsh.
Benjamin Owen & Hannah Adams 4th. February 1725.
Benjamin Payn & Elizabeth Copeland in May 1725.
Abijah Allen & Joanna Bolter 3 June 1725.
Joseph Allen & Eunice Webb June 30th. 1725.
Jonathan Baxter & Mary Tompson 18 November 1725.
Samuel Hayden & Elizabeth Russ 23d. December, 1725.
all these returned.
[169] These by Mr. Hancock.
William Hayden & Sarah Hobart were married the 8th. December 1726, by the Rvd Mr. John Hancock.
Benjamin Neall & Mehetabel Spear were married the 31st. day of May 1727, by the Rvd Mr. John Hancock.
These by Mr. Niles ye Rvd Mr. Samll. Niles.
John Hobart & Elizabeth Thayer November 24, 1726.
Samuel Payne & Rebecca Darbee 20 December 1726.
Ebenezer Spear & Mary Tower 12 January 1726/7.
Israel Hersey & Abigail Allen 16th. April 1726/7.
Jonathan Dyre & Mary Hayden 27th. April 1727.
These following by John Quincey Esqr.
Joseph Thayer & Sarah Faxson December 16, 1725.
Joseph Green & Mary Penniman 20th. Day of June 1726.
Benjamin Vesey & Dorathy Spear December 19th. 1726.
Joseph Crosbey & Abigail Adams December 23d. 1726.
Jonathan Hayden & Sarah Hobart June 29th. 1726.
The Revd. Mr. Jonathan Mills & Mrs Jemimah Hayward November 30, 1727.

Benjamin Webb voted Clerk the fourth day of March, Annoq. Domini 1727/8.

Marriages.

By the Reverend Mr. Samuel Niles, these following were married vizt

Liev^{t}. John Hunt and Rebecca Allen December 14th 1727.

Amos Stetson & Marget Thayer May 9th. 1728.

Benjamin Thayer & Hannah Vinton Novemb. 8th. 1728.

By the Reverend Mr. John Hancock, these following vizt.

John Grove & Deborah Pray December 22^{d}. 1727.

The Reverend Mr. Nathan Bucknam of Medway & Mrs Margaret Fiske of this town Jan^{r}. 23^{d}. 1727/8.

Spephen Cleverly & Hannah Penniman Jan^{r}. 25th. 1727/8.

Samuel Cleverly & Huldah Baxter March 14th. 1727/8.

Abijah Adams of Boston & Hannah Cleverly of this town Septem^{r} 26th. 1728.

Joseph Ady of Bristol & Ruth Belcher of this town October 10th. 1728.

Gregory Baxter & Mary Wilson October 17th. 1728

Joseph Ruggles, & Hannah Twels Decr. 4th. 1728.

[170] Bliss Tolman of Stoughton & Mary Beal of Braintree December ye 19th. 1728.

Edward Adams of Milton & Sarah Brackett of this town Feby ye 5th 1728/9.

By the Rev^{d}. Eben^{r}. Miller were married.

Samuel Payne & Susanna Ruggles both of this town November 5th. 1728.

Robert Lemont & Hannah Spear both of this Town January 9th. 1728/9.

By the Reverend Mr. John Hancock, were marryed.

John Hayward of Mendon and Hannah Baxter of Braintree March 6th. 1728/9.

John Griswold of Norwich in Connecticut & Susanna Sanders of Braintree July 24th. 1729.

William Penniman & Ruth Thayer both of this town Octr. 16th. 1729.

Edward Emerson of Boston & Hannah Beale of this town Novr. 13th. 1729.

Elkanah Babbitt of Dighton & Mehetabel Crane of this town April 2^{d}. 1730.

Jonathan Green and Elizabeth White both of this Town July 2^{d}. 1730.

By the Reverend Mr. Elisha Eaton were married.

Ephraim Jones and Mary Copeland both of this town December 2^{d}. 1731.

Joseph Lovel and Sarah Holliss both of this town December 9th. 1731

Naphtali Thayer, and Bathsheba Bass, both of this Town February 3^{d}. 1731/2

By the Rev^{d}. Mr Samuel Niles, were married.

Edward Curtis and Hannah Hayward both of Braintree May 1st. 1729.

Gornil Price, of Dorchester & Mary Dyar of Braintree May 1st. 1729.

[171] John Niles & Hannah Niles both of this town May 30th. 1729.

Ephraim Hunt and Ruth Allen both of this town June 2d. 1729

Benjamin Nash of Braintree and anne Smith of Waymouth August 7th. 1729.

John Downing and Sarah Read both of this Town August 29th. 1729

Samuel Smith of Easton and Mary Read of this Town October 22d. 1729.

Hezekiah Thayer & Christian Thayer both of this Town, November 3d. 1729.

William Spear and Hannah Penniman both of this Town, February 18th. 1729/30,

Eleazer Thayer and Rachel French both of this town April 28th. 1730.

Benjamin French & Hephzibah White both of this town September 17th 1730.

Increase Niles & Hannah Thayer both of this town December 14th 1730.

William Gilkey & Hannah Hayden both of this town July 7th. 1731.

Joseph Niles and Anne Cornish both of this town July 15th. 1731

Nathaniel Belcher & Hannah Holbrook both of this town November 18th. 1731

Caleb Dunnam, & Mary Copeland both of this town March 30th. 1732.

By the Revd. Mr. John Hancock were marryed these following viz.

Moses French & Esther Thayer both of Braintree Decr 24th. 1730.

The Revd. Mr. Nathan Webb of Uxbridge and Mrs Ruth Adams of Braintree Novr 23d. 1731.

Thomas Crane and Deborah Owin both of Braintree Janr. 13th. 1731/2

Samuel Hayward Junr. and Sarah Haynes both of Braintree March 30th. 1732.

[172] By the Reverend Mr Samuel Niles was Marryed.

Peter Thayer of Braintree and Anna Porter of Norton June ye 1st. 1732.

Elijah Hayden & Priscilla Thayer both of Braintree July 11th. 1732.

Nehemiah Hayden Junr. & Rachel Vinton both of Braintree August ye 3d. 1732.

Samuel Peniman & Mehetabel Ruggles both of Braintree February ye 9th. 1732/3

Ebenezer Kilbey of Boston and Bathsheba Allen of Braintree April ye 7th. 1733.

The Revd Mr. Richard Pierce of Dartmouth and Mrs Mercy Hunt of Braintree June 4th. 1733.

By the Reverend Mr Elisha Eaton was married.

Ebenezer Whitmarsh of Abbington and Mehetabel Faxon of Braintree April ye 3^{d}. 1733.

By the Reverend Mr. John Hancock, was married.

Ebenezer Hinkly & Hannah Nightingal both of Braintree July 11th. 1732.

William Tant & Elizabeth Hayden, both of Braintree, November 8th. 1733

William Clough of Boston and Katherine Belcher of Braintree November 30th. 1732.

Ebenezer Bass of Braintree and Sarah Maudley of Dorchester July 3^{d}. 1733.

Richard Brackett & Lydia Spear, both of Braintree December 6th. 1733.

Benjamin Pray and Susanna Mills both of Braintree January 31, 1733/4

[173] Nathan Spear and Mehetabel Bracket both of Braintree, April 24, 1734

By the Reverend Mr. Elisha Eaton was married.

Alexand French and Rebekah Staples both of Braintree May ye 14th. 1734.

Edward Jones and Katherine Niles, September 5th. 1734, both of Braintree.

Benjamin Richards of Weymouth, and Abigail Thayer of Braintree November, 21st. 1734.

Jonathan Nash of Weymouth & Bethiah Allen of Braintree December 12th. 1734.

Returned.

Thomas Hollis of Weymouth & Lydia Clark of Braintree, April 15th. 1735.

By the Rev^{d}. Mr. Ebenezer Miller were marryed as follows, vizt

Owen Williams of Boston and Mary Hayden of Braintree

Benjamin Cleverly and Sarah Baxter both of Braintree were marryed January 4th. 1731/2.

James Habersham, and Hannah Russ were marryed September 12th. 1733.

Benjamin Stedman and Ruth Vassal were marryed June 5th. 1734.

Thomas alias Pompey a Negro man and Fidelia a Negroe woman both servants to Leonard Vassal Esq. were marryed October 31st. 1735.

John Thomas alias Samson a Negro man Servt. to Peter Marquand, and Margaret Sewitt, a free Negro woman of Boston were marryed February 19th. 1735/6.

By the Rev^{d}. Mr. John Hancock was marryed as follows, vizt.

Rev^{d}. Elisha Eaton and Katherin Clough of Braintree Decr. 5th. 1734.

John Sanders and Mary Spear both of Braintree June 3^{d}. 1735.

[174] Seth Bass and Eunice Allen both of Braintree November 18th. 1735.

Ebenezer Crosby and Bathsheba Beale both of Braintree January 15, 1735/6

Josiah Bracket and Anna Beal both of Braintree March 17th. 1735/6

John Beale and Alice Bracket both of Braintree March 17th 1735/6

Thomas Allen & Mary Hunt both of Braintree June 17th 1735.

John Hayden & Judith Stevens both of Braintree Octoberr 28th. 1736

Ebenezer Read of Uxbridge and Esther Webb of Braintree January 26th. 1736/7.

By the Revd. Elisha Eaton were marryed as followeth vizt

Israel Hobart and Priscilla Gregory both of Braintree September 23d. 1736.

Josiah Hobart and Esther Thayer both of Braintree November 4th. 1736.

Daniel Hayden and Hannah Tower both of Braintree, Novembr. 11th. 1736.

By the Revd. John Hancock was marryed.

Deacon Samuel Savel & Sarah Bass both of Braintree January 6th. 1736/7.

Marriages Enterd. By Richard Faxon Town Clerk.
March 13, 1737 Recd

The Revd. Mr Samuel Niles of Braintree and Mrs Elizabeth Whiting of Wendham were married (at Whendham) December 22d. 1737, By ye Revd. Mr. Thomas Clap of sd. Wendham, as by ye Mr. Niles acct to me.

By ye Reved. Mr Elisha Eaton (of Braintree were married as follows.

Ezra Fisher, of Stoughton & Mary Finton of Braintree were marryed January 3d. 1737/8.

Isaac Allen & Deborah Hayward both of Braintree were married Februry ye 16th. 1737/8

[175] Ashley Curtis of Stoughton and Sarah Hayden of Braintree were married March ye 16th. 1738.

Recd. Apll. 24th. 1738, ye above list of marriages.

By ye Mr. Samuel Niles were Married

Joseph White junr & Ruth Nash both of Braintree March 21, 1733/4.

Thus Entered as by his own account.

By ye Revd Mr. John Hancock was marryed as follows, vizt.

Ebenezer Hunt of Weymouth & Bethiah Adams of Braintree Apr. 28th. 1737.

Benjamin Crane of Milton & Anna Bracket of Braintree May 12th. 1737.

Charles Sargent and Anne Spear both of Braintree August 4th. 1737.

Tom servant of Mary Burrell of Weymouth & Peggy servt of Mr. Jno. Beal of Braintree October 13th. 1737.

Benjamin Sutton of Dorchester, Negro & Naomi Cole of Braintree a Malatto, November 15th. 1737, both free.

Daniel White & Elizabeth Mills both of Braintree June 12th. 1727/8

Abijah Crane of Milton & Sarah Field of Braintree May 4, 1738.

Toney & Peggy Negro servants of Thomas Crosbey of Braintree May 29th. 1738.

William Wheeler of Boston & Thankful Spear of Braintree May 30th. 1738.

Recede these January 21th. 1738.

By ye Revede. Mr. Samuel Niles was marryed as follows vizt.

John Ludden & Mary Thayer both of Braintree October 25th. 1733.

Abijah Neal & Experience White both of Braintree December 4th. 1733.

Theophilus Curtis & Elizabeth Thayer both of Braintree February 28th. 1733/4.

John Clerk of Braintree & Susannah Briant of Braintree (or Bridge water February 4th. 1733/4

[176] Seth Copeland & Abigail White both of Braintree March 7th. 1733/4.

Joseph White & Ruth Nash both of Braintree March 21st. 1733/4

Benja Hayward & Hannah French both of Braintree August first, 1734.

Clement Hayden & Hannah Hogin both of Braintree October 31, 1734.

Benja Copeland & Sarah Allen both of Braintree November 21st. 1734

Samuel White & Susannah Allen both of Braintree, November 21, 1734.

Nathaniel Thayer & Mary Faxon both of Braintree April 3d. 1735.

Aaron Hayward & Ruth Faxon both of Braintree, October 28th. 1735.

Thomas Vinton & Mehitable Allen both of Braintree January 15, 1735/6

John Spear & Mary arnold both of Braintree February 20th. 1735/6

Samuel Copeland & Mary Owen both of Braintree April 2d. 1736.

Isaac Lovell of Weymouth & Judith Dorman of Braintree January 12th. 1737/8.

Samuel Hayden & Esther Allen both of Braintree January 12, 1737/8

Joseph Hayward & Sarah Wild both of Braintree July 14, 1738.

Joseph Thayer & Vunice Ludden both of Braintree November 16th. 1738.

Benja Savel & Mary Blancher both of Braintree January 17th. 1738.

Jonathan Wild & Sarah Ludden both of Braintree February 15th. 1738

1738 March 24 Recede all ye foregoing lists of Mr Niles.

[177] Marriages by ye Revede. Mr Ebenezer Miller as follows vizt.

Richard Collier of Boston & Elineor Penniman of Braintree March 10th. 1736.

Daniel Amos & Mary Atteriedge both of Braintree May 19th. 1737.

Ceaser Negro, Servant to ye Revd. Mr Ebenezer Miller of Braintree & Matta Negro servant to Mrs Phebe Vassall also of sd. Braintree November 28th. 1738.

Doct^{r}. Thomas Graves of Charlestown, Esqr. and Mrs Phebe Vassall of Braintree, February 11th. 1738
Rece^{ed}. this List of ye Rev^{d}. Mr Miller april 3^{d}. 1739.
Marriages by ye Rev^{ed}. Mr. Elisha Eaton.
Dependance French & Mary Linfield both of Braintree were Married ye 23^{d}. of May, 1738.
Benjamin Porter of Braintree and Dorothy Curtis of Stoughton were married June 1st. 1738.
Stephen Pain and Mary Littlefield Both of Braintree were Married November 23^{d}. 1738
Rece^{ed} this list May 8th. 1739.
Marriages by ye Rev^{ed}. Mr Elisha Eaton, vizt John Allen and Mary Bushnel were married December ye 20th. 1739.
Marriages by ye Rev^{ed}. Mr. Elisha Eaton.
Gideon Stutson & Mary Pain were married august ye 18th. 1740.
Daniel White & Mary Shaw were married December ye 25th. 1740.
John Tower & Rachel Hayden were married June ye 25th. 1741
W^{m}. Linfield and Jemima Clerk we married Octob^{r}. 8th. 1741
David Holbrook & Mary Hayden Novr. 19th. 1741
Benj^{a} Thayer & Ruth Capen Jan^{ry} 17th. 1741
Thom^{s} Fenton ju^{r} & Elienor Lawson &
Daniel Thayer ju^{r}. & Ruth Clerk were married Apr 15, 1741
Jno. Richards & Lydia Niles were marr^{ed}. April 22^{d}. 1741.

[178] Births.

John Thayer the son of John Thayer Junr & Lydia his wife was born March 1, 1723.
Nathaniel Wales ye son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born October 26 (see over leaf 1724.
Jonathan the son of Josiah Faxson & Deborah his wife was born the 6th. day of January 1722/3.
[179] Sarah the daughter of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife was born the 4th. Day of March 1724.
Ruth the Daughter of William Bowditch and Mary his wife was born the 7th. day of March, 1724.
Judeth the Daughter of Benjamin Hayward & Mary his wife was born 23^{d}. Day of November 1721, long lapsed.
Mary the Daughter of Josiah Hobart & Mercy his wife was born the 6th. Day of February 1724.
Joseph the son of Christopher Webb & Anne his wife was born the 29th. Day of March 1724.
Lydia the Daughter of Abiathar Vinton and Lydia his wife was born ye 29th. March 1724.
Sarah the Daughter of Richard Faxson and Annah his wife was born ye 12th. Day April 1724.
Elizabeth ye Daughter of Samuel Wild and Bethiah his wife was born ye 18th. Day of April 1723.
Susannah the Daughter of Josiah Hobart & Sarah his wife was born the 25th. day of March 1724.
Susannah the Daughter of Samuel Copeland and Mary his wife was born ye 22^{d}. Day of February 1724.

Edmund Littlefield ye son of Nathaniel Littlefield & Abigail his wife was born ye 3^d. April 1724.

Miriam the Daughter of John Spear & Anne his wife was born ye 17th. Day of April 1724.

Mercy the Daughter of Jonathan Wild and Sarah his wife was born 24 December 1723.

Mary ye Daughter of Samuel Spear and Rebekah his wife was born 28 February 1724.

Obadiah ye son of Richard Thayer & Mary his wife was born 29 March 1724.

Moses the son of Moses Belcher & Mary his wife was born 27 April 1724.

Mary the Daughter of Nathaniel Spear & Thankful his wife was born the 3^d. Day of January 1723/4.

Sarah ye Daughter of Joseph White and Sarah his wife was born 12th. January 1721.

Hannah, the Daughter of Joseph White and Sarah his wife was born the 28th. January 1724.

Elizabeth ye Daughter of John Bowditch & Mary his wife was born 7th. March 1724.

Micah ye son of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife was born 24 April 1724.

[180] Joseph the son of John Bass & Hannah his wife was born the 29 February 1723.

Deborah ye Daughter of Samuel Curtis & Grace his wife was born 15th. February 1724.

Clifford the son of George Chesman and Jane his wife was born the 25th. Day of April 1724.

Nathan the son of Nathan Brackett and Hannah his wife was born the 1 Day of July 1724.

James the son of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born ye 19th. Day of March, 1724.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 21st. Day of August 1724.

Susannah the Daughter of Thomas Copeland & Susannah his wife born the eighth Day of May 1724.

Christian the Daughter of Moses Thayer & Christian his wife was born ye 14th. Day of May 1724.

James the son of Peter Newcomb & Mary his wife was born the 5th. Day of August 1724.

Charls the son of John Kilkey & Mary his wife was born the 21st. day of September 1724.

Samuel the son of Thomas French & Mary his wife was born 23^d Day of October 1724.

Nathaniel the son of Thomas Wales, & Mary his wife was born ye 26th. October 1724.

Huldah, the daughter of Benjamin Hayward and Mary his wife was born the 20th. Day of April 1724

Anne the Daughter of the Rev^d. Mr. Joseph Mash, and Anne his wife was born 23^d. Day of October 1724.

Rebekah the Daughter of William Nightingal and Mary his wife was born ye 29th. August 1724.

Mary the Daughter of John Webb and Mary his wife was born the 21st. October 1724.

Elisha the son of Samuel Savel and Patience his wife was born ye 19th. August 1724.

Uriah, the son of Shadrack Thayer and Rachel his wife was born 15 October 1724.

Jonathan the son of Joseph Spear and Abigail his wife was born ye 18 day of June 1724.

Nehemiah the son of Samuel Hayden & Pricilla his wife was born the 3^{d}. Day of January 1724/5.

Rachel ye daughter of Ebenezer Hayden & Mary his wife was born the 22^{d}. Day of December 1724.

Samuel the son of Samuel Bass & Sarah his wife was born the 29th Day of December 1724.

Obadiah the son of John Hunt and Hannah his wife was born 3^{d}. Day of February 1724/5.

[181] Abigail the daughter of Samuel Arnold and Sarah his wife was born the 12th. Day of February 1724/5.

Martha the daughter of William Field & Sarah his wife was born the seventh Day of December 1724.

Lothrop the son of Jonathan Webb & Bathsheba his wife was born the 8th. Day of March 1724/5, and died ye 16th. day of ye same month.

Mary the Daughter of Joseph Brackett & Mehetable his wife was born the 20th. Day of August 1723 lapsed.

Thankful the Daughter of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born the 14th. Day of May 1723.

John the son of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born the 8th. Day of March 1724/5.

John the son of John Ruggles & Rachel his wife was born the 3^{d}. Day of March 1724/5.

Ephraim the son of Nathaniel Blanchard and Hannah his wife was born ye 18th. March 1724/5.

Abigail the Daughter of Benjamin Baxter & Abigail his wife was, born the 11th. February 1723/4.

Mary the daughter of Ephraim Thayer and Mary his wife was born ye 27th. Day of April 1725.

Dorathy ye Daughter of John Hollis & Hannah his wife was born the 3^{d}. Day of May 1725.

Obadiah the son of Josiah Faxon and Deborah his wife was, born 10th. March 1724/25

Ebenezer the son of Josiah Faxson and Deborah his wife was born 10th. March 1724/5 They being both twins.

Susannah the Daughter of Jonathan Clark & Jemimah his wife was born the 17th. Day of November 1724.

Joseph the son of Benjamin Clark & Mary his wife was born the 4th. Day of June 1725.

Caleb the son of Caleb Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born the 18th. of August 1725.

Thomas the son of Thomas Crosbey and Mary his wife was born the 23d. September 1725.

Abigail the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen and Deborah his wife was born 13 August 1725.

Mary the Daughter of John Bowditch & Mary his wife was born ye 3d. Day of September 1725.

Sarah the Daughter of Benjamin Spear and Sarah his wife was born the 31st. July 1724.

Samuel the son of Alexander French & Mary his wife was born the 5th. September 1725.

Hannah the daughter of Jonathan Hayden and Sarah his wife was born the 4th. of December, 1724.

John the son of James Bagley & Jane his wife was born the 18th. Day of August 1725.

[182] Mary the daughter of John Bowdige & Mary his wife was born 3d September, 1725.

Lydia the daughter of Nathaniel Spear & Lydia his wife was born the 1st October 1725.

Nehemiah the son of Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 5th. January 1725/6.

Ruth the daughter of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born the 18th. January 1725/6.

Sarah ye daughter of John Curtis & Ziporah his wife was born the 31st. December 1725.

David ye son of John Smith and Abigail his wife was born 2d December 1720.

John the son of John Smith and Abigail his wife was born 17th. June 1722.

Seth the son of John Smith and Abigail his wife was born the 21st. January 1724/5

Jonathan the son of Ebenezer Field and Abigail his wife was born the 18th. September 1725.

Mercy the daughter of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife was born the 1st. Day of November 1725.

Daniel the son of Ephraim Arnold & Rachel his wife was born the 3d. Day of December 1725.

Lydia the Daughter of Joseph Payne & Sarah his wife was born the 9th. January 1725/6.

Thomas the son of Nathaniel Spear & Thankful his wife was born the 17th. October 1725.

Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel Littlefield & Abigail his wife was born the 21st. of February 1725/6.

Nathaniel, the son of Samuel Hayden and Pricilla his wife was born the 21st. February 1725/6.

Mary the Daughter of John Holbrook & Sarah his wife born the 5th. March, 1725/6.

Samuel, the son of Samuel Thayer & Jane his wife was born the 14th. January January 1725/6.

Jonathan, the son of Shadrich Thayer & Rachel his wife was born 31st. January 1725/6.

Richard the son of John Thayer and Rebekah his wife was born the 15th. December 1725.

Jane, the daughter of Thomas Copeland & Susannah his wife was born the 14th. October 1725.

Seth the son of Samuel Wild & Bethiah his wife was born the 14th. December 1725.

John the son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born the 2d. Day of October 1725.

Hannah the Daughter of Benjamin Owen and Hannah his wife was born the 23d. Day of November 1725.

[183] John Wild the son of John Wild by sarah his wife was born the 29th. Day of October 1692.

Samuel Wild the son of John Wild and Sarah his wife was born the 18th. Day of March 1692/3.

William the son of John Wild and Sarah his wife was born the 26th. Day of August 1696.

Jonathan, the son of John Wild and Sarah his wife was born the 27th Day of September 1698.

Sarah the daughter of John Wild and Sarah his wife was born the 28th. Day of October 1700.

Abijah Allen the son of Abijah Allen & Joanna his wife was born December 28th. 1725.

Ephraim, ye son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was Born as by his fathers acct. to me Octobr. 1725.

Sarah, the Daughter of Samuel Adams & Sarah his wife was born the fourth day of March, 1725/6

Joanna, the Daughter of Samuel Vesey & Deborah his wife was born the 26th. Day of March 1726.

Susannah, the daughter of Ezekiel Crane and Mary his wife was born the 27th. Day of March 1726.

Abigail, the Daughter of John French & Mary his wife was born the sixth Day of November, 1725.

Margret the Daughter of William Tompson & Margret his wife was born the 26 Day of April 1726.

Hezekiah, the son of Joseph Ludden and Dorathy his wife was born the 15th. April 1726

Joseph the son of Joseph Wales & Hannah his wife was born 22d. March 172$\frac{6}{5}$.

Bathsheba the Daughter of Isaac Dogget & Abigail his wife born 12 June 1726.

Barnabas Baxter son of Thomas Baxter & Deliverance his wife was born June 16, 1726.

Mary the Daughter of William Copeland and Mary his wife was born the 31st. May 1726.

Christian the Daughter of Moses Thayer and Christian his wife was born 12 April 1726.

Mary the daughter of William Nightingal and Mary his wife was born 31 May 1726.

Isaac the son of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife born 27th. March, 1726.

[184] Ann the Daughter of Christopher Webb and Ann his wife was born the 2d. Day of August 1726.

Hannah, the Daughter of David Rawson and his wife was born the 30th. April 1726.

Anna the Daughter of William Wild & Ruth his wife was born the 9th. November, 1724.

David the son of William Linfield & Elizabeth his wife was born 13 July 1726.

Gideon, the son of Dependance French by Anna his wife was born 11th. September 1726.

William the son of William Bowditch & Mary his wife was born the 19th. Day of September 1726.

Anna Faxon, ye Daughter of Richard Faxon & Anna his wife was born Jun 3d. 1726.

Micah the son of Thomas French and Mary his wife was born the 9th. day of September 1726.

Amee the Daughter of Zechariah Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born the 1st. Day of August 1726.

Ann the Daughter of Benjamin Hunt & Sarah his wife was born the 14th. day of November 1726.

Samuel the son of Samuel Belcher & Sarah his wife was born 7 November 1726.

Jacob ye son of Benjamin Spear & Sarah his wife was born the 3d. Day of May 1726.

Elkanah the son of Joseph Spear & Abigail his wife was born 18 April 1726.

Nathaniel ye son of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born 18, October 1726

Elijah the son of Thomas French & Mary his wife was born 23, November 1726.

John the son of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife was born 1st. December 1726.

Elijah the son of William Wild & Ruth his wife was born the 3d. Day of February 1726/7.

Richard the son of John Thayer, & Rebekah his wife was born the 26 Day of January 1726/7.

Ephraim the son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born 3d. Day of November 1726/7.

Ebenezer, the son of Ebenezer Houghton and Sarah his wife was born 26th. December 1726.

Sarah the Daughter of Jonathan Clark and Jemimah his wife was born the 20th. January 1726.

Edward the son of George Chesman and Jane his wife was born the 9th. April 1726.

Abijah the son of Richard Thayer & susannah his wife was born ye 9th. October 1726

Hannah the Daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Mary his wife was born 24th. February 1726/7.

[185] Rachel the Daughter of Joseph Pray and Lydia his wife was born the 14th. January 1726/7.

Jacob the son of Jonathan French & Rebekah his wife was born the 8th. March 1726/7.

Sarah the Daughter of Nathaniel Blanchar & Hannah his wife was born, 8 April 1727.

Hannah the Daughter of Jonathan Webb, & Bathsheba his wife was born 10 March 1726/7.

Hannah the Daughter of Ebenezer Newcomb & Sarah his wife was born the 5th. Day of September 1726.

Abigail the Daughter of John Webb and Mary his wife was born the 21st. Day of February 1726/7.

Margreet, the Daughter of William Tompson and Margreet his wife was born the 26 Day of April 1727.

Joseph the son of Joseph Allen & Eunice his wife was born the 30th. April 1727.

Nathaniel the son of Benjamin Payne and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 30th. Day of April, 1727.

William the son of Roger Wilson and Hannah his wife was born the 12th. December 1726.

Bilha, born of Joseph & Tabitha servants of the Honourable Edmund Quincey esquire was born ye 11th. Day of April 1727, & Died ye 11th. Day of May following

Nathaniel the son of Nathaniel owen and Deborah his wife was born the 24th. June 1727.

Jacob the son of Samuel Hayden and Elizabeth his wife was born the 16th. Day of June 1727.

Joseph, the son of Joseph Thayer & Sarah his wife was born the 1st. Day of May 1727.

William the son of Ephraim Thayer & Mary his wife was born the 9th. Day of July 1727.

Jeremiah the son of John Hunt & Hannah his wife was born the 2d. Day of June 1727.

Hannah the Daughter of John Hunt & Hannah his wife born 28th. February 1723.

Nehemiah the son of Nathaniel French & Susannah his wife was born 15 January 1725/6.

Susannah the Daughter of Nathaniel French & Susannah his wife was born the 4th. March 1727.

William the son of David Clerk & Ruth his wife was born December 21st. 1726.

Elizabeth the daughter of Thomas Nash and Abigail his wife was born 14th. December 1726

Josiah the son of Josiah Adams & Bethiah his wife was born the 6th. Day of September 1727.

Ruth the Daughter of Benjamin Owen and Hannah his wife was born the 9th. October 1727.

[186] Mary the Daughter of Joseph White and Sarah his wife was born the 11th June 1727.

Sarah the daughter of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 13 October 1727.

Isaiah the son of Josiah Faxson & Dorathy his wife was born the 24th. March 1727.

Hannah the Daughter of Ebenezer Hayden and Mary his wife was born ye 8th. October 1727.

John the son of John Curtis and Ziporah his wife was born the 17th. November 1727.

Mary the Daughter of Christopher Webb, & Anne his wife was born the 22^{d}. Day of December 1727.

Dorathy the daughter of Benjamin Vesey & Dorathy his wife was born 24th. Day of September 1727.

John the son of John Bowditch and Mary his wife was born the Tenth Day of December 1727.

Elizabeth the daughter of Nathaniel Spear Junior & Thankful his wife was born the 4th. January 1727/8.

John the son of Thomas Crosbey & Mary his wife was borne the 25th. Day of January, 1727/28.

William the son of William Tompson & Margreet his wife was born the 27 January 1727/8.

Josiah the son of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born the 31st. January 1727/8.

Abigail the Daughter of Abijah Allen and Joannah his wife was born 10th. December 1727.

Sarah the Daughter of William Hunt and Sarah his wife was born ye 22^{d}. February 1725/6.

Timothy the son of William Hunt & Sarah his wife was born the 14, November, 1727.

Noah the son of Shadrack Thayer and Rachel his wife was born the 30th. Day of December 1727.

Moses Wales ye son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born December 20th. 1728.

Jonathan the son of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife was born the twentieth sixth day of February 1727/8 the morning following the sabbath

William Hayden ye son of Samuel Hayden Sec^{dus}. & Pricilla his wife was born October 5th. 1727. (B. Webb, Cler.

Silence the daughter of Ezekiel Crane and Mary his wife, was born March 21, 1727/8.

Hannah the Daughter of Samuel Copeland and Mary his wife was born the Twenty Ninth day of February, 1727/8.

Elisha, the son of Eliashib Faxson & Elizabeth his wife was born November 10th. 1727.

Elizabeth Hayden ye Daughter of Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born 3 day of November 1727.

[187] Mary the Daughter of Samuel Adams and Sarah his wife was born on April 4th. 1728.

Mary the daughter of Benjamin Clark and Mary his wife was born March 16th. 1727/8

Timothy, the son of John Hollbrook, and Sarah his wife was born May 12th. 1728.

Hannah the daughter of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife was born April 5th. 1728.

Abigail the daughter of Deering Spear and Jemima his wife was born May 21st. 1727.

Sarah the daughter of Jonathan Hayden Junr. and Sarah his wife was born November 9th. 1727.

Samuel the son of Joseph Wales, and Hannah his wife was born January 12th. 1727/8

Abigail the daughter of Samuel Bass Junr. and Hannah his wife was born Jan^{r}. 31st. 172$\frac{7}{8}$.

Abigail the daughter of John Smith & Abigail his wife was born September 18th. 1726.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of John Smith and Abigail his wife was born April 1st. 1728.

Hannah the Daughter of Ebenezer Newcomb & Sarah his wife was born June 24th. 1728.

Samuel Curtis & Grace Curtis being twins, the son & daughter of Samuel Curtis and Grace his wife were born June 14th. 1728.

Joanna & Elizabeth, the Twin Daughters of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife were born May 10th. 1728.

Rebeckah the Daughter of John French & Mary his wife was borne June 11th. 1728.

Nathaniel, the son of Joseph Ludden and Dorothy his wife was born, July 28th. 1728.

Adam, the son of John Hunt & Hannah his wife was born August ye 6th. 1728.

Anna the Daughter of Dependance French Junr. and Anna his wife was born October 18, 1728.

John Marsh ye son of John Marsh Junr. & Submit his wife was born April 26th. 1728.

Anna, the Daughter of William Copeland & Mary his wife was born August ye 4th. 1728.

John the son of John Webb & Mary his wife was born November 11th. 1728.

Christopher the Son of Thomas Faxson & Ruth his wife was born November, 29th. 1727.

Betty Arnold, the Daughter of Ephraim Arnold & Rachel his wife was born July 26th. 1728.

[188] Anna, the Daughter of Nathaniel Owen and Deborah, his wife was born October 28th. 1728

Martha the Daughter of the Reverend Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife was born October 22^{d}. 1728.

Elijah the son of Ezechiel Thayer and Mehetabil his wife, was born May 17th. 1726.

Moses & Enoch the Twin Sons of Ezechiel Thayer and Mehetabil his wife were born November the 7th. 1728.

Samuel, the son of Samuel Cleverly & Huldah his wife, was born Nove^{r}. 7th. 1728.

Abigail the daughter of Moses Payn & Abigail his wife was born December 11th. 1728.

Sarah the daughter of Joseph Thayer and Sarah his wife was born Decemb^{r}. 1st. 1728.

Margret, the daughter of Amos Stetson & Margret his wife was born December 13, 1728.

Jonathan, the son of Jonathan Hayden and Sarah his wife was born December 4th. 1726.

Eunice, the daughter of Joseph Allen and Eunice his wife, was born November, 29th. 1728.

Rebekah, the daughter of Josiah Faxon Junr. & Deborah his wife, was born Novembe 24th. 1728.

Moses, the son of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born Decembr. 20th. 1728th.

Richard, the son of Peter Newcomb & Mary his wife was born Novembr. 6th. 1728.

Elizabeth the daughter of Caleb Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born July 6th. 1727.

Abigail the Daughter of Isaac Dogget & Abigail his wife, was born Decemb. 5th. 1728.

John the son of Stephen Cleverly and Hannah his wife, was born Decembr. 27th. 1728.

Ruth the Daughter of Samuel Wild & Bethiah his wife, was born April 24th. 1728.

Susanna, the daughter of Jonathan Wild and Sarah his wife was born August 24th. 1728.

Ruth, the daughter of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife, was born December 1st. 1728.

Mary the Daughter of Thomas French Junr. & Mary his wife was born Octobr. 29, 1728.

Copied in October November Dec. 1823.

[189] Margery, the Daughter of Jonathan Hayward Junr. & Mary his wife was born February 17th. 1728/9.

William, the son of William Nightingal Junr. & Mary his wife was born Janr. 12, 1728/9.

Zechariah, the Son of William Field and Sarah his wife was born Sepr. 9th. 1728.

Hannah, the Daughter of Nathanael Blancher Junr. & Hannah his wife was born March 1st. 1728/9.

Nathanael, the son of Lt. John Hunt & Rebekah his wife was born Feb: 24th. 1728/9.

James the son of James Peniman and Dorcas his wife was born May 2d. 1729.

Jonathan, the son of Jonathan Clark & Jemima his wife was born Feb: 6th. 1728/9.

Thomas the son of Benjamin Hobart & Rebekah his wife was born Feb: 17th. 1728/9.

Thomas, the son of Thomas Copeland and Susanna his wife was born April 20th. 1729.

Jonathan, the son of John Bass & Hannah his wife was born April 23d. 1729.

Elizabeth, Marsh ye Daughter of John Marsh, Junr. & Submit his wife was born April ye 30th. 1729.

Jacob the son of Samuel Payn Junr. and Rachel his wife was born Augst: 18th. 1728.

Abigail the Daughter of Ebenezer Field & Abigail his wife was born July 11th. 1729.

Nathan the son of Samuel Thayer & Jane his wife was born July 26th. 1729.

Joseph the son of Josiah Adams & Bethiah his wife was born July 4th. 1729.

Thomas the son of Thomas Nash, and Abigail his wife was born March 31st. 1728.

Adam, the son of Samuel Curtis & Grace his wife was born, July 14th. 1729.

Bethiah the daughter of Samuel Copeland and Mary his wife was born July 27th. 1729.

Samuel the Son of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife, was born November, 3d. 1728.

Samuel, the son of William Bowditch and Mary his wife was born Feb: 25th. 1728/9.

Deborah Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Sarah his wife was born Novr. 14, 1729.

[190] Jeremiah the son of Richard Thayer and Susannah his wife was born June 18th. 1729.

Newton the son of George Baxter and Mary his wife was born July 1st. 1729.

Abiah the son of John Thayer & Rebekah his wife was, born June 25th. 1729.

Elijah the son of Moses Belcher Junr. & Mary his wife was born October 21st. 1729.

Susannah the Daughter of Samuel Pain Junr. and Susannah his wife was born October 16th. 1729.

Anne The daughter of Ensign John Hunt and Hannah his wife was born Novr. 7th. 1729.

Sarah, the daughter of Samuel Belcher and Sarah his wife was born Decr. 1, 1729.

Jemima the Daughter of Deering Spear and Jemima his wife was born August the 20th. 1729.

Jerusha, the Daughter of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born December 21st. 1729.

Elizabeth, the Daughter of Mr. John Marsh, Junr. & Submit his wife was born April 30th. 1729.

Hannah, the Daughter of Robert Lemont & Hannah his wife was born Decemb. 26, 1729.

John the son of Ebenezer Newcomb and Sarah his wife was born January 8th. 1729/30.

Benjamin the son of Benjamin Thayer & Hannah his wife was born October ye 6th. 1729.

Mary the daughter of Benjamin Veasey & Dorothy his wife was born Augst. 5th. 1729.

Jacob & Thomas the twin sons of Abijah Allen & Joanna his wife were born January 15th. 1729/30.

James the son of Benjamin Clark and Mary his wife was born Janr. 28th. 1728/29.

Ralph the son of Ebenezer Houghton and Sarah his wife was born February 20th. 1728/9

Mary the daughter of Ezekiel Crane, and Mary his wife was born March 15th. 1729/30.

Isaac, the son of Benjamin Spear & Sarah his wife was born Feb: 15th. 1729/30.

Isaac French, the Son of Allexander French and Mary his wife was born November 13th. 1729.

[191] Mary, the Daughter of Zebulon Thayer and Mary his wife was born August 25th. 1729.

Joseph Tompson (so called) ye son of Elizabeth Hayden was born March 18th. 1729.

Ephraim, the son of Ephraim Hunt and Ruth his wife was born January 4th. 1729/30.

Jonathan, the son of Jonathan Hayden Junr. and Sarah his wife was born March 27th. 1730.

Rachel, the Daughter of Shadrack Thayer & Rachel his wife was born April 1st. 1730.

James, the son of John Bowditch & Mary his wife was, born April 7th. 1730.

Jacob, Thayer ye son of Daniel Thayer and Elizabeth his wife was born February 27th. 1730.

Samuel, the son of Lt. John Hunt and Rebekah, his wife was born April 8th. 1730.

Daniel, the son of Joseph Wales, and Hannah his wife was born Feb: 26, 1729/30.

Matthias, the son of George Cheesman, and Jane his wife was Born March 17th. 1729/30.

Mary, the Daughter of Benjamin Pain and Elizabeth his wife was born May 8th. 1730.

Katherine the Daughter of David Bass, and Elizabeth his wife was born April 6th. 1730.

Peter, The son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife was born June 11th. 1730.

Joshua Spear the son of Nathanael Spear and Thankful his wife was born March 10th. 1729/30.

Jonathan, the son of John Niles Junr. and Dorothy his wife was born May 22d. 1730.

Sarah, the daughter of Christopher Webb & Anne his wife was born July 14th. 1730.

Jacob, the son of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born July 7th. 1730.

Jonathan, the son of Jeremiah Belcher and Mary his wife was born May 22d. 1730.

Jacob, the son of Daniel Thayer, and Elizabeth his wife was born, Feby: 27, 1729/30.

Daniel, the son of Thomas Crossby and Mary his wife was born May 18th. 1730.

Ebenezer, the son of the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife was born July 31st. 1730.

[192] Elizabeth, The daughter of John Hollbrook and Sarah his wife was born July 2d. 1730.

Prince the son of Benjamin Silvester and Elizabeth his wife was born April 2nd. 1729.

Lydia the daughter of Benjamin Silvester and Elizabeth his wife, was Born, August 17th. 1730.

Lydia the Daughter of William Nightingal and Mary his wife was born August 21st. 1730.

Mehetabel the daughter of Joseph Thayer & Sarah his wife was born Septr. 19th. 1730.

Gideon Spear the son of Ebenezer Spear and Mary his wife was born May 24th. 1730.

Sarah Smith the Daughter of John Smith & Abigail his wife was born April 12th. 1730.

Eunice Thayer, the Daughter of Gideon Thayer & Hannah his wife was born October 10th. 1730.

Elizabeth the Daughter of Dependance French Junr. and Anna his wife was born October 27th. 1730.

Hannah Baxter the daughter of Jonathan Baxter an Mary his wife was born May 5th. 1730.

Nathanael, the son of John Curtis and Ziporah his wife was born May 15th. 1730.

Nathanael Linsfield, the son of William Linfield and Elizabeth his wife was born Octobr. 7th. 1730.

Amos Stetson, the son of Amos Stetson & Margret his wife was born May 19th. 1730.

Elizabeth French, the daughter of Thomas French & Mary his wife was born Novr. 1st. 1730.

Ruth Peniman, the daughter of William Peniman & Ruth his wife was born November 17th. 1730.

Deborah Curtis, the Daughter of Samuel Curtis and Grace his wife was born November 22d. 1730.

Thomas Penniman, the son of James Penniman and Dorcas, his wife was born Novr. 17th. 1730.

Ephraim Thayer, the son of Ephraim Thayer Junr. and Mary his wife was born October the 6th. 1730.

[193] Abigail Bowditch the Daughter of William Bowditch & Mary his wife was born June 8th. 1731.

Mica Thayer, ye son of Ezecll. Thayer and Mehitable his wife was born March 7, 1730.

Richard Thayer the son of Eleazer Thayer & Rachel his wife was born may 31st. 1731.

Jonathan Dyer ye son of Jonathan Dyer & Mary his wife was Born January 10th. 1730.

Deborah Wales, the Daughter of Thomas Wales & Mary his wife was born March 27th. 1731.

John Guliver, the son of Seth Guliver and Thankful his wife was born June 21st. 1731.

Robert Lemont, the son of Robert Lemont & Hannah his wife was borne August 13th. 1731

Rachel Holliss the daughter of John Holliss and Hannah his wife, was born August 10th. 1731.

Anne Adams, the daughter of Ebenezer Adams & Anne his wife was born July 24th. 1731.

Abigail Blancher the Daughter of Nathaniel Blancher Junr. and Hannah his wife was born August 28th. 1731.

Thomas White the son of Ebenezer White & Lydia his wife, was born Sepr. 15th. 1731.

Moses French, the son of Moses French & Esther his wife was born Sepr. 16th. 1731.

Thankful Thayer the daughter of Richard Thayer and Susannah his wife, was born June 20th. 1731.

John Stetson, the son of Amos Stetson & Margret his wife, was born Octob. 28th. 1731.

Mary Clark the Daughter of Benjamin Clarke & Mary his wife, was born October 24th. 1731.

Caleb Hayward, the son of Jonathan Hayward Junr and Mary his wife was born October 16th. 1731.

Isaac Niles, the son of John Niles Jr. and Dorothy his wife was born December, 4th. 1731.

Lydia Faxson, the Daughter of Josiah Faxson and Deborah his wife was born March 25th. 1731.

Hannah Nash the daughter of Thomas Nash & Abigail his wife was born Novr. 15th. 1731.

[194] Benjamin Thayer the son of Benjamin Thayer & Hannah his wife was born February the third day 173$\frac{0}{1}$

Ebenezer Webb the son of Christopher Webb, and Anne his wife was born January 17th. 1731.

Lydia Rawson the daur. of David Rawson and Mary his wife was wife was born January 17th. 1731–2

George Hunt the son of John Hunt & Rebekah his wife was borne December 18th. 1731.

Bethiah Owen the daughter of Benjamin Owen and Hannah his wife was born Novr. 23d. 1729.

Lydia Owen, the Daughter of Benjamin Owen and Hannah his wife was born Janr. 19th. 1731–2.

Benjamin Field, the son of Ebenezer Field and Abigail his wife was born March 3d. 1730/31

William Peniman, the son of William Peniman & Ruth his wife was born Janr 19th. 1731/2.

Mary Pray, the Daughter of Joseph Pray and Lydia his wife was born February 14th. 1730/1.

Joanna Allen the Daughter of Abijah Allen and Joanna his wife was born January 24th. 1731–2.

Elijah Faxson, the son of Eliashib Faxson & Elizabeth his wife was born November 24th. 1731.

William Veasey the son of Benjamin Veasey and Dorothy his wife born Novr. 20, 1731.

Benjamin Cleverly, the son of Benjamin Cleverly and Sarah his wife was born February 13th. 173$\frac{1}{2}$.

John Marsh ye son of Jno Marsh & Submit his wife was born February 22d. 1731/2.

Timothy French the son of Thomas French and Mary his wife was born March 22d. 173½.

Eunice Hayward, the daughter of Joshua Hayward & Elizabeth his wife was born September 16th. 1731.

Mary Arnold the daughter of Ephraim Arnold & Rachel his wife was born Feby. 8th. 1731–2.

[195] Grace Curtis the Daughter of Samuel Curtis and Grace his wife was born March 21st. 1731–2.

Sarah Thayer, the Daughter of Joseph Thayer and Sarah his wife was born April 17th. 1732

Azariah Faxon the son of Richard Faxon and Hannah his wife was born March 23d. 1731/2

Mary Miller the Daughter of the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller and Martha his wife, was born April 9th. 1732.

Randol Wild the son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born May 9th. 1732

Abiathar, French, the son of John French and Mary his wife was born April 7th. 1732.

Benoni the son of Allexander French by Mary his wife was born May 20th. 1732.

Jonathan Green, the son of Jonathan Green & Elizabeth his wife was born April 10th. 1732.

Samuel Holbrook the son of John Holbrook and Sarah his wife was born June 4th. 1732.

Elizabeth Thayer, ye Daughter of Daniel Thayer and Elizabeth his wife was born September 11th. 1732.

Sarah Nash the Daughter of Benjamin Nash & Anne his wife was born Sepr. 17th. 1731.

Simeon Thayer, the son of John Thayer and Rebekah his wife was born May 22d 1732.

Hannah Bass, the Daughter of John Bass and Hannah his wife was born March 12th. 1731/2.

Zebulon Thayer, the son of Zebulon Thayer and Mary his wife was born August 17th. 1731.

Jacob Hunt, the son of Ephraim Hunt and Ruth his wife was born August 6th. 1732.

Sarah Wales, the Daughter of Joseph Wales and Hannah his wife was born September 7th. 1731.

Silvanus Hobart the Son of Benjamin Hobart and Rebekah his wife was born the sixth day of August 1732.

John Curtis the son of John Curtis and Ziporah his wife was born July 6th. 1732.

[196] Abraham Jones, the son of Ephraim Jones Junr. & Mary his wife was born September 4th. 1732.

David Arnold the son of Samuel Arnold and Sarah his wife was born July 23d. 1732.

Rebekah Hayward the Daughter of Benjamin Hayward and Mary his wife was born June 28th. 1732.

Mary Hinkly the Daughter of Ebenezer Hinkly & Hannah his wife was born July 10th. 1732.

Nathanael Belcher the Son of Nathan[l] Belcher and Hannah his wife was born September 19th. 1732.

Thankful Thayer ye Daughter of Hezeciah Thayer & Christian his wife was born September 11th. 1732.

Ebenezer Webb, the Son of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife was born Septr 22, 1732.

Daniel Barber the son of John Barber and Mary his wife was born October 13th. 1732.

Benjamin Silvester the son of Benjamin Silvester & Elizabeth his wife was born March 28th. 1732.

Moses Payn the son of Moses Payn Junr. and Abigail his wife was born November 30th. 1732.

William Tant the son of William Tant & Elizabeth his wife was born Octobr. 22d 1732.

Isaac Doggett, the son of Isaac Dogget and Abigail his wife was born Decembr. 12th. 1732.

Anne Niles, the Daughter of Joseph Niles and Anne his wife was born, November, 18th. 1732.

Rachel French, the daughter of Thomas French junr and Mary his wife was born January 27th. 1732/3.

Deborah Spear, the Daughter of Deering Spear and Jemima his wife was born February 3d 1730/31

Moses Adams, the son of Samuel Adams & Sarah his wife was born January 31st. 1732/3.

[197] Joseph Ruggles Pain, the son of Samuel Pain and Susanna his wife was born December 3d 1732.

Ebenezer Hayden the son of Ebenezer Hayden & Mary his wife was born December 26th. 1732.

Elizabeth Spear, the Daughter of William Spear and Hannah his wife was born December ye 9th 1732.

Ebenezer, Peniman the son of William Peniman & Ruth his wife was borne February 28th. 1732/3.

Ruth Hayden ye Daughter of Benja. Hayden and Elizabeth his wife was born Septembr. 4th. 1732.

Sarah Hayward the Daughter of Samuel Hayward Junr. and Sarah his wife was March 24th. 1732/3

Mary Copland, the Daughter of Thomas Copeland and Susanna his wife was born February 23d. 1732/3.

Esther, the Daughter of William Nightingal & Mary his wife was born April 14th. 1733.

Mary Dunham, the Daughter of Caleb Dunham & Mary his wife was born April 9th. 1733.

Elijah Hayden the son Elijah Hayden and Priscilla his wife, was born March the 22d. 1732/3.

Bathsheba Thayer, the Daughter of Naphtali Thayer and Bathsheba his wife was born April 14th. 1733.

Mary Stetson, the Daughter of Amos Stetson & Margret his wife was born March 14th. 1732/3.

Susanna Bowditch, the Daughter of William Bowditch & Mary his wife was born May 19th. 1733.

Gideon Thayer, the son of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife was born October 2d. 1732.

William the son of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife, was born July 26th. 1733, & Dyed the same day

Daniel Copeland the son of Samuel Copeland & Mary his wife was born July 30th. 1733.

Nathanael Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born March 2d. 1732/3.

[198] Sarah Harman, the Daughter of William Harman & Sarah his wife was born, the third day of June 1733.

Thomas Wales, the Daughter of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife was born August 24th. 1733.

Elizabeth Lemont the Daughter of Robert Lemont & Hannah his wife was born September the 26th. 1733.

Thomas Newcomb, the Son of Isaac Newcomb & Mary his wife was born the fifteenth day of June 1730.

Nathanael Newcomb the son of Isaac Newcomb & Mary his wife was born August ye 8th. 1732.

Edward Marsh the Son of John Marsh Junr. & Submit his wife was born August the 12th. 1733.

Joseph Trask the son of Elias Trask and Mary his wife was born July 2d. 1733.

Cornelius Austen the son of Cornelius Austen & Martha his wife was borne October ye 21st. 1733.

Abigail Faxson the Daughter of Josiah Faxson and Deborah his wife was born the fifth day of May 1733.

Benjamin Nash the son of Benjamin Nash and Anne his wife was born September ye 6th. 1733.

Abigail Thayer the Daughter of Joseph Thayer & Sarah his wife, was born Octob: 26th. 1733.

William Clough, the son of William Clough and Katherine his wife was born October 26th. 1733.

Elizabeth Belcher, the Daughter of Samuel Belcher and Sarah his wife was borne November 22nd. 1733

David Bass, the son of David Bass, and Elizabeth his wife was born June 5th. 1733.

Mary Baxter, the Daughter of Mr. Gregory Baxter & Mary his wife was born October 19th. 1733.

[199] Elisha French, the Son of Moses French & Esther his wife was born January ye 12th. 1733/4.

Moses Littlefield the son of Nathanael Littlefield and Deborah his wife was born Janr. 2d. 1732/3.

Dorothy Niles, the Daughter of John Niles Junr. and Dorothy his wife was born Septembr. 24, 1733.

Jezaniah Thayer the son of Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born December 11th. 1733.

Richard Spear, the Son of John Spear and Anne his wife was born February 7th. 1733/4.

Sarah Houghton the Daughter of Ebenezer Houghton & Sarah his wife, was born September 28th. 1733.

Susanna Arnold the Daughter of Ephraim Arnold and Rachel his wife, was born Feby 2nd. 1733/4.

Joshua the Son of Joshua Hayward & Elizth. his wife was born Decemb. 3, 1733.

Huldah Cleverly the Daughter of Samuel Cleverly & Huldah his wife was born November 27th. 1733.

Nathaniel Hunt, the son of Ephraim Hunt & Ruth his wife was born March 2^{d}. 1733/4.

Experience Nash, the Daughter of Thomas Nash and Abigail his wife was born March 9th. 1733/4.

Ruth Baxter, the Daughter of Thomas Baxter and Deliverance his wife was born August 13th. 1733.

Boylstone Adams, the Son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife was born the 28th. day of February 1733/4.

Sarah Hayward the Daughter of Samuel Hayward Junr. & Sarah his wife was born the twelfth day of April 1734.

Benjamin Owen the Son of Benjamin Owen & Hannah his wife was born February 4th. 1733/4.

Enoch Hayden, the Son of Elijah Hayden & Priscilla his wife, was born March 24, 1733/4.

James Habersham, the Son of James Habersham and Hannah his wife was born April ye 5th. 1734.

Mary Hobart, the daughter of John Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born August 26th. 1732.

[200] Nathanael Blancher the son of Nathanael Blancher and Hannah his wife was born April 19th. 1734.

Abigail Bracket the Daughter of James Bracket & Abigail his wife was born March 27th. 1734.

Elizabeth ye Daughter of Abijah Allen & Johanna his wife was born May 22^{d}. 1734.

Susanna Wild, the Daughter of Jonathan Wild and Sarah his wife was born Decemb. 9th. 1733.

Joshua Hobart, the son of Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth his wife was born February 8th. 1733/4.

Mehitable, Thayer ye Daughter of Ezece^{ll}. Thayer & Mehitable his wife was born May 25th. 1734.

Molly Hollbrook the Daughter of John Hollbrook and Sarah his wife was born May 28th. 1734.

Josiah Hayden ye son of Benjamin Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born May 15th. 1734.

Eliakim Thayer, the son of Eliakim Thayer, and Deborah his wife was born October 25th. 1731.

Jessy Thayer, the Son of Eliakim Thayer and Deborah his wife was born April 18th. 1733.

Nathanael Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife was born March 2^{d}. 1732/3.

Silvanus Ludden the Son of John Ludden and Mary his wife was born August 23^{d}. 1734.

Elizabeth Silvester, the daughter of Benjamin Silvester & Elizabeth his wife was born August 9th. 1733.

Mary Wild, the daughter of William Wild and Ruth his wife was was born March 29th. 1730.

Jesse Wild, the Son of William Wild and Ruth his wife was born February 8th. 1731/2.

Beulah Wild, the daughter of William Wild & Ruth his wife was born May 17th. 1734.

Jno Tompson ye son of Willm. Tompson & Margret his wife was born May 11th. 1734.

Moses Jones the Son of Ephraim Jones Junr. and Mary his wife was born September 27th. 1734.

John Tant, the son of William Tant and Elizabeth his wife was born August 9th. 1734.

Joseph Belcher, ye Son of Nathaniel Belcher & Hannah his wife was born August 5th. 1734.

Hannah Pain, the daughter of Moses Pain & Abigail his wife was born October 17th. 1734.

Ruth Hobart the Daughter of John Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born October ye 1st. 1734.

Deborah Niles, the daughter of Joseph Niles and Anne his wife was born October 11th. 1734.

Nathan Webb, the son of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife, was born Septr. 15th. 1734.

Darcos Thayer ye Daughter of Hezekiah Thayer & Christian his wife was born August 20th. 1734.

[201] Ruth Thayer, the daughter of Richard Thayer and Sarah his wife was born August 1, 1734.

Ebenezer Rawson the son of David Rawson and Mary his wife was born May 31st. 1734.

Mehetabel the Daughter of William Spear and Hannah his wife was born September 23d. 1734.

Bethiah Thayer, the daughter of Naphthali Thayer and Bathsheba his wife was born November 4th. 1734.

Nathan Spear the son of Nathan Spear & Mehetabel his wife was born July 5th. 1734.

Isaiah Faxson the son of Josiah Faxson and Deborah his wife was born August 2d. 1734.

Mary Field, the daughter of Ebenezer Field & Abigail his wife was born Septr. 11th. 1734.

Tompson Baxter, the son of Jonathan Baxter & Mary his wife was born August 6th. 1734.

Sarah Curtis the Daughter of John Curtis and Ziporah his wife was born August 10th. 1734.

Micah Wild, the son of Samuel Wild and Bethiah his wife was born May 20th. 1734.

Elizabeth Copeland, the daughter of Thomas Copeland & Susannah his wife was born Feb. 7th. 1734/5.

William Harman, the son of William Harman & Sarah his wife was born the third day of April 1735.

Deering Spear, the son of Deering Spear and Jemima his wife was born May 11th. 1733.

Peter Thayer, the son of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife was born May 5th. 1735.

Sarah Stutson the daughter of Amos Stutson & Margret his wife was born April 20, 1735.

Edmund Quincy, the Son of Mr. Josiah Quincey and Hannah his wife was born Octobr. 1st. 1733.

Samuel Quincy, the son of Mr. Josiah Quincy an Hannah his wife was born April 13th. 1735.

Moses Spear, the son of Benjamin Spear and Sarah his wife was born January 5th. 1734/5.

Ebenezer Pray the son of Joseph Pray & Lydia his wife was born April 16th. 1735.

[202] Enoch Penniman, the son of James Peniman and Dorcas his wife was born July 10th. 1735.

Rebekah Hunt, the Daughter of John Hunt and Rebekah, his wife was born August 11th. 1735.

Prince Cowin, ye son of John Cowin & Rachel his wife was born Augt. 26th. 1735.

Elizabeth Dunham, the daughter of Caleb Dunham and Mary his wife was born, April 4th. 1735.

Mary Hancock the Daughter of ye Revd. Mr. John Hancock, & Mary his wife was born ye 8th. day of April 1735.

Sarah French the Daughter of Thomas French and Mary his wife was born June 26th. 1735.

Mary Miller the Daughter of the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife was born May 21, 1734.

Elisha Eaton, the Son of the Revd Mr. Elisha Eaton by Katherin his wife was born, Septr. 12th. 1735.

John Adams the son of John Adams and Susanna his wife was born October 19th. 1735.

Mary the Daughter of Robert Lemont and Hannah, his wife was born October 19th. 1735.

Benjamin Silvester the Son of Benjamin Silvester & Elizabeth his wife was born Octobr. 10th 1735.

Joseph Ruggles Pain, the Son of Samuel Pain & Susanna his wife was born June 30th. 1735.

Esther French, the daughter of Moses French and Esther his wife was born December 21st. 1735

Eliner Spear, the daughter of William Spear, and Hannah his wife was born Novr. 21st. 1735.

Jonathan Taunt the son of William Taunt & Elizabeth his wife was born January 1st. 1735.

Gregory Bass, the son of David Bass, & Elizabeth his wife was born January ye 3d. day 1735.

Josiah French, the son of Josiah French & Mary his wife was born January 22d. 1735/6.

Bathsheba Dogget the daughter of Isaac Dogget & Abigail his wife was born Feby. 5th. 1735/6.

Atherton Thayer, the son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife was born June 20th. 1735.

Samuel Linfield the Son of William Linfield & Elizabeth his wife was born Feb: 6th. 1735/6.

Mary the Daughter of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife was born December 31, 1735.

[203] Nehemiah Blancher, the son of Nathanael Blancher Junr. & Hannah his wife was born February 10th. 1735/6.

Sarah Vesey ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born December 18th. 1735.

Mary Wales, the Daughter of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife was born February 27th. 1735/6.

Daniel Niles, & Elijah Niles the twin sons of Daniel Niles by Mercy his wife was born on July 25th. & 27th. days 1735.

Margret Niles, the Daughter of John Niles Junr. and Dorothy his wife was born Sepr. 24th. 1735.

Mary Thayer, the daughter of Zebulon Thayer & Mary his wife was born May 15th. 1735.

Adam Thayer, the son of Benjamin Thayer and Hannah his wife was born March ye 7th. 1734/5.

Robert Hayden, ye son of Benja. Hayden & Elizabeth his wife was born January 7th. 1735.

Susanna Belcher, the Daughter of Samuel Belcher and Sarah his wife was born April 19th. 1736.

Silas Houghton, ye son of Ebenezer Houghton & Sarah his wife was born April 12th. 1736.

Elisha Hayden the son of Clement Hayden and Hannah his wife was born April 25th. 1735.

Patience Thayer, the Daughter of Eleazer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born February 29th. 1735/6.

Silas Wild, the son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born March 8th. 1735/6.

Micah Allen & Mary Allen the son and daughter (being twins) of Micah Allen and Mary his wife born the 22d of April 1736.

Mottram the Son of the Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller by Martha his wife was born April 24th. 1736.

Benjamin Copeland the son of Benjamin Copeland & Sarah his wife was born June 7th. 1736.

Jacob French, the son of Alexander French by Rebekah his wife was born June 11th. 1736.

Mary Thayer ye Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer Junr. and Mary his wife was born August 19th. 1735.

[204] Betty Clark, the Daughter of Jonathan Clark & & Jemima his wife was born June 9th. 1736.

Mary Thayer ye Daughter of Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born June 29th. 1736.

Aaron Adams the son of Samuel Adams, by Sarah his wife was born the 29th. day of July.1736.

Elijah Thayer the son of John Thayer and Rebekah his wife was born July 16th. 1736.

Daniel Nash ye son of Benjamin Nash & Anne his wife was born June ye 28th. 1736.

John Wales, the son of Joseph Wales & Hannah his wife was born July 7th. 1736.

William Thayer, the son of Christopher Thayer and Mary his wife was born August 22d. 1736.

Pelatiah Peniman the son of William Peniman and Ruth his wife was born the second day of August 1736.

Mary Gilkey the daughter of William Gilkey & Hannah his wife was born the tenth day of July 1736.

Mary Dyer, ye Daughter of Jonathan Dyer & Mary his wife was born July 25th. 1736.

Lydia Brackett, the daughter of Richard Bracket & Lydia his wife was born the twenty sixth day of October 1734.

Richard Bracket the son of Richard Bracket & Lydia his wife was born ye sixth day of July 1736

Jonathan Hunt & Ruth Hunt, the Twin son and daughter of Ephraim Hunt & Ruth his wife were born the of August 1736.

Jeriah Bass, the son of Seth Bass, by Eunice his wife was born November 4th. 1736.

Timothy Owen the son of Benjamin Owen & Hannah his wife was born January 12th. 1735/6.

Josiah Allen, the son of Abijah Allen & Johanna his wife was born the 26th. Day of November 1736.

Mary Sanders, the Daughter of John Sanders by Mary his wife was born March 24th. 1735/6.

Alice Wilson Marsh, ye Daughter of John Marsh, Junr. and Submit his wife was born Decembr. 5th. 1736.

[205] Mehetabel Vinton, the daughter of Thomas Vinton Junr. & Mehetabel his wife was born the 29th. day of November 1736.

Aaron Hayward the son of Aaron Hayward and Ruth his wife was born December ye first day 1736.

John Hancock, the son of the Revd. Mr. John Hancock & Mary his wife born the 12th. day of January 1736/7 Gub. Mass. in Repub.

Mercy Hobart the daughter of Peter Hobart and desire his wife was born the 15th. day of November 1733.

Benjamin Hobart the son of Peter Hobart and desire his wife was born the 14th. day of February 1734/5.

Daniel Hobart, the son of Peter Hobart and desire his wife was born the seventh day of February 1736/7.

Sarah Pain the Daughter of Samuel Pain and Susanna his wife was born the twelfth day of November 1736.

Lydia Webb, the daughter of Christopher Webb, and Ann his wife was born the 13th. day February 1736/7.

Sarah Cleverly the Daughter of Stephen Cleverly and Hannah his wife was born August ye 9th. day 1736.

Prudence Spear, the Daughter of John Spear, and Mary his wife, was born March 8th. 1736/7.

Births as they were brought in Recorded &c.

Sam^{ll}. Stephens ye son of Sam^{ll}. Stephens and Lydia his wife was born March 15th. 1732/3.
no fine paid)

Benjamin Stephens the son of Sam^{ll}. Stephens and Lydia his wife was Born the 19th. of January 1735/6
no fine paid.

John Wriford the son of Joseph Wriford and Sarah his wife was born March, 10th. 1757.

[206] Judith Thayer ye Daughter of John Thayer Ju^{r} and Lydia his wife was born Dece^{r} 25th. 1734.

Dorcas Penniman the daughter of James Penniman and Dorcas his wife was born November ye 8th. 1733.

Hannah Thayer the daughter of Nathaniel Thayer and Releafe his wife was born December 2^{d}. 1720.

Releafe Thayer, the Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer and Releafe his wife was born March 11th. 1722/3.
as by ye acct of ye s^{d} Releafe to me. no fines paid.

Nathaniel Wales, ye son of Nathl. Wales and Esther his wife was born May ye 10th. 1728

Joshua Hayward, ye son of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife was born, December 3^{d}. 1733.

Elizabeth Hobart the Daughter of Caleb Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born August 19th. 1736.

Alice Beal the Daughter of John Beal Junr. and Alice his wife was born Decemb^{r}. the 9th. 1736.

Eunice Belcher, y^{e} Daughter of Moses Belcher jun^{r}. & Eunice his wife was Born December 25th. 1736.

Jacob Spear y^{e} son of Nathan Spear & Mehitable, his wife was born y^{e} 17th. of January 173$\frac{6}{7}$.

Jerusha Thayer the daughter of Richard Thayer and Sarah his wife was born January 18th. 1736/7.

Eunice Thayer y^{e} daughter of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife was born, December 20th. 1735.

Susannah Thayer, y^{e} Daughter of Jerimiah Thayer & Joanna his wife was born October 16th. 1737.
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[207] Vote { Richard Faxon, Chosen Clerk by vote &c.
March, 7th. 1736./7 &c.

Nathaniel Hobart the son of Josiah Hobart and Esther his wife was born February 10, 1738.

Abigail Faxon the Daughter of Josiah Faxon & Deborah his wife was born March 19th. 1736/7.

Bathsheba Bowditch ye Daughter of William Bowditch and Mary Bowditch his wife was born ye 7th. of March 1736/7.

Peter Thayer ye son of Peter Thayer and Anna his wife was born ye 3^{d}. of April 1737.

Anne Capen ye Daughter of John Capen & Ruth his wife was born ye 20th. of March 1736.7

Ebenezer Adams ye son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife was born March 15th. 1736/7.

Sam^{ll}. Hayward the son of Sam^{ll}. Hayward Ju^{r}. and Sarah Hayward his wife was born May 26th. 1737.

Mary Ludden, ye Daughter of John Ludden and Mary his wife was born May 4th. 1737.

Mary Niles ye Daughter of Joseph Niles & Anne his wife was born June 18th. 1737.

Bathsheba Webb, ye Daughter of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife was born ye 30th. Day of June 1737.

Elizabeth Nightingall ye Daughter of W^{m}. Nightingall Junr. & Mary his wife was born Jun. 16th. 1737.

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Phebe, Pain ye Daughter of Benjamin Pain and Elizabeth his wife was Born July 26th. 1737.

Susanna Arnold ye Daughter of Ephraim Arnold and Rachel his wife was born the 27th. of April 1737.

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Elkanah Thayer ye son of John Thayer Ju^{r}. and Lydia his wife was born the 13th. of Augt. 1737.

Samuel Eaton the son of ye Rev^{d}. Mr. Elisha Eaton and Katherine his wife was Born ye 22^{d}. of March 1736./7

Asa French ye son of Alexander French and Rebekah his wife was born ye 7th. of May 1737.

[208] Nathaniel French, ye son of Josiah French and Mary his wife was born October 13th. 1737.

Elihu ye son of Nath^{ll}. Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife was born August 9th. 1737.

Moll Allen, ye Daughter of Thomas Allen and Mary his wife was born September 12th. 1737.

Seth Dogged the son of Isaac Dogged and Abigail his wife was born November 9th. 1737.

Zephaniah Thayer son of Ebenezer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born June 13th. 1737.

Joseph Penniman, son of William Penniman and Ruth his wife was Born October 5th. 1737.

John Hayden the son of John Hayden and Judith his wife was Born October 4th. 1737.

Hannah Penniman the Daughter of James Penniman & Dorcas his wife was born September 5th. 1737.

John Hunt, Son of Lt. John Hunt & Rebecca his wife was born July 9th. 1737.

Richard Silvester son of Benjamin Silvester and Elizabeth his wife was born Decemb^{r}. 6th. 1737.

Hannah Belcher Daughter of Nathaniel Belcher and Hannah his wife was born September 14th. 1736.

Samuel Bass, the son of Seth Bass & Eunice Bass his wife was born November 3^{d}. 1737.

Abraham Copeland the son of Sam^{ll}. Junr. Copeland and Mary his wife was born June 25th. 1736.

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[209] Job Littlefield the son of Nathaniel Littlefield and Deborah his wife was Born about the 2^{d}. of September 1737.

Gershom Collier Copeland son of Thomas Copeland and Susanna his wife was born the 11th. of November, 1737.

Thomas Wales the son of Dea Thomas Wales, and Mary his wife was born February 20th. 1737/8.

Mary Niles the Daughter of John Niles Junr. Secdus or fourth and Dorothy his wife was born November 5th 1737.

Samuel Lamont ye son of Robart Lamont and Hannah his wife was born March 14th. 1737/8.

Anna Vesey ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born March 20th. 1737.

Richard Spear the son of Deering Spear, Jemimah his wife was born November 22d. 1737.

Thomas Hayden ye son of Benjamin Hayden, & Elizabeth his wife was Born July 12th. 1738.

Susanna Allen ye Daughter of Benjamin Allen and Deborah his wife was born the Twelfth of April, 1738.

Ebenezer Allen ye. Son of Micajah Allen and Mary his wife was born the Twelveth of April, 1738.

Silence Allen ye Daughter of John Allen junr. and Rebecca his wife was born ye 12th. of February 1737/8.

Sarah Copeland ye Daughter of Benjamin Copeland and Sarah His wife was born April 10th. 1738.

Sarah Thayer, ye Daughter of Christopher Thayer and Mary his wife was born May ye 2d. 1738.

Joseph Wild ye son of Samll. Wilde and Bethiah his wife was born ye. 9th. of February 1737.

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[210] William Taunt ye son of William Taunt and Elizabeth his wife Born December, 12th. 1737.

Joshua Hayward the son of Joshua Hayward and Elizabeth his wife was born February 5th. 1737/8.

Cornelius Thayer, the son of Eliakim Thayer & Deborah his wife was born February th10, 1738.

Abraham Jones ye son of Ephriam Jones junr and Mary his wife was born March 13th. 1737/8.

Samuel Miller, ye. son of ye Revd. Mr. Ebenezer Miller, and Martha his wife was born July ye 20th. 1737.

Hannah Wild ye Daughter of Jonathan Wild and Sarah his wife was born May 20th. 1738.

Isaac Spear ye son of Joseph Spear and Abigail his wife was born March 20th. 1737/8.

Mary Copeland ye Daughter of Samll. Copeland Junr. and Mary his wife was born ye 23d May 1738 vizt 1738

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Ruth White ye Daughter of Joseph White Junr. and Ruth his wife was born July 15th. 1738.

Mary Spear, the Daughter of John Spear Secunds. and Mary his wife was born November the sixth 1738.

Thomas Baxter ye son of Thomas Baxter and Deliverance his wife was born January 23d. 1737/8

John Webb Hayden, the son of Sam^{ll}. Hayden jun^{r} and Esther his wife was born December 22^{d}. 1738.

Submit Marsh, ye Daughter of John Marsh Junr. & Submit his wife was born August ye 16th. 1738.

Samuel Belcher, ye son of Sam^{ll}. Belcher and Sarah his wife was born November 21st. 1738, after his fathers Death

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[211] At the request of M^{r}. Sam^{ll} Vinton the three first of his children here recorded, were born at Woburn, (as he ye s^{d}. Sam^{ll} Vinton said were or should have) and also if there Recorded yet at his desire are (also) here, Recorded.

Viz^{t}. Sam^{ll} Vinton ye son of Sam^{ll} Vinton and Elizabeth his wife was born the Fift of Feby. 1721/2.

Elizabeth Vinton ye Daughter of Sam^{ll}. Vinton and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 8th. of December 1723.

David Vinton ye son of Samuel Vinton & Elizabeth his wife was born 17th. of March 1726.

Rebecca Vinton ye Daughter of Samuel Vinton & Elizabeth his wife was born (& dyed) ye 11th. of July 1728.

These as aforesaid Born at Woburn and entered here at his request & by his vizt. The s^{d} Sam^{ll} Vintons acct to mee.

R.F.T. Cler.

Born at Braintree as follows, vizt.

Rebeckah Vinton ye Daughter of Sam^{ll} Vinton & Elizabeth his wife was born ye 15th of August 1729.

Hannah Vinton y^{e} Daughter of Sam^{ll} Vinton & Elizabeth his wife was born y^{e} 12th. of June 1732.

John Vinton y^{e} son of Sam^{ll} Vinton and Elizabeth his wife was Born y^{e} 11th. of February 1735.

William Vinton y^{e} son of Sam^{ll} Vinton & Elizabeth his wife was born y^{e} 22^{d}. of January 173$\frac{8}{9}$.

Ruth Gilkey y^{e} Daughter of William Gilkey and Hannah his wife was born October 8th. 1738.

William Thayer, y^{e} son of Peter Thayer and Anne his wife was born January 26th. 1738/9.

Rachel Savel, y^{e} Daughter of William Savel & Rachel his wife was born February the 11th. 1738/9.

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[212] Deborah Hollis ye Daughter of Thomas Hollis and Rachel his wife was born May 23^{d}. 1738.

John Stedman ye son of Mr. Benjamin Stedman and Ruth his wife was born July 21st. 1736.

Ruth Stedman ye Daughter of Mr. Benjamin Stedman and Ruth his wife was Born March 21st. 1737/8.

Thomas Hayward ye son of Aaron Hayward & Ruth his wife was Born June 9th. 1738.

Elizabeth Tomson ye Daughter of W^{m}. Tomson & Margret his wife was born June 25th. 1738.

Lucy Belcher ye Daughter of Moses Belcher jun^{r} (or ter us) and Eunice his wife was born March 2^{d}. 1738.

Nathaniel Thayer ye son of Daniel Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born February 6th. 1738.

Elijah Adams ye son of Samuel Adams & Sarah his wife was born March ye 16th. 1738.

Jonathan Bowditch ye son of William Bowditch & Mary his wife was born March 13, 1738.

Esther Wales, ye Daughter of Jos. Wales, & Hannah his wife was born, November 7th. 1738.

Caleb Dunham, ye son of Caleb Dunham, and Mary his wife was born November 20th. 1738.

Thomas Houghton ye son of Ebenez^r. Houghton & Sarah his wife was Born July 31st. 1738.

Thomas Miller ye son of ye Rev^d. Mr. Ebenez^r Miller & Martha his wife wife was born Febr^y 27th. 1738.

Benjamin Webb ye son of Jonathan Webb and Bathsheba his wife was born, February 28th. 1738.

Cornelius Thayer ye son of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife was born September 6th. 1726.

David Thayer ye son of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife was born March 29th. 1724/5

Ruth Thayer ye Daughter of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife was born Decemb^r. 1st. 1729.

Abigail Thayer ye Daughter of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife was born December 8th. 1731.

Dorothy Thayer, ye Daughter of David Thayer & Dorothy his wife was born, January 14th. 1733.

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[213] Mary Eaton ye Daughter of ye Rev^d. Mr. Elisha Eaton & Katherine his wife was Borne ye 1st. of December 1738.

Caleb Thayer ye son of Zebulon Thayer & Mary his wife was born August 17th. 1738.

Dependance French, ye son of Dependance French & Mary his wife was born April 21st. 1739.

Lucy Belcher ye Daughter of Moses Belcher Junr. & Eunice his wife was born March 2^d 1738/9.

John Hayward ye son of John Hayward & Silence his wife was Born April 3^d. 1739.

Ebenezer Pain ye son of Samuel Pain Ter^us and Susannah his wife was born March 14th. 1738.

Elizabeth Hobart, ye Daughter of Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth his wife was born May 1st. 1739.

Job Thayer ye son of Gideon Thayer & Hannah his wife was born Augt 15th. 1738.

Elizabeth Capen ye Daughter of John Capen & Ruth his wife was Born May 22^d. 1739.

Rachel Savel ye Daughter of William Savel and Rachel his wife was born May ye 5th. 1739.

Phebe Black ye Daughter of Joseph Black or Negro and Tabath his wife was born May 1739.

William Vesey ye son of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born April 7th. 1739.

Napthali Thayer ye Son of Napthali Thayer & Bathsheba his wife was Born July 30th. 1739.

Huldah Thayer the Daughter of Joseph Thayer & Eunice his wife was born Augt 12th. 1739.

Benjamin Thayer ye son of Benjamin Thayer & Hannah his wife was born December 11th. 1738.

Thomas Vinton ye son of Thomas Vinton Junr. and Mehitable his wife was born June 2^d. 1739.

Nabie (or Abig^ll.) Hobart ye Daughter of Israel Hobart and Prisila his wife was Born September 20, 1739.

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[214] Abigail Silvester, the Daughter of Benjamin Silvester and Elizabeth his wife was born September 24th. 1739.

Thomas Brackett ye son of Richard Brackett and Lydia his wife was born Octob^r. 24th. 1738.

Josiah Pray ye son of Joseph Pray and Lydia his wife was born December 16th. 1736.

Abigail Pray ye Daughter of Joseph Pray and Lydia his wife was born April 22^d. 1739.

John Penniman ye son of James Penniman and Darcos his wife was born October 17th. 1739.

William Spear, ye son of William Spear and Hannah his wife was born August 22^d. 1739.

Elizabeth French ye Daughter of Alexander French and Rebeckah his wife was born Aug 13, 1735.

Jacob French ye son of Alexander and Rebeckah his wife was born September 19th. 1739.

Sarah French ye Daughter of Thomas French and Mary his wife was born November ye 18th. 1739

Joseph Allen ye son of Abijah Allen & Joanna his wife was born Augt. 7th. 1739.

John Beal ye son of John Beal Junr and Alice his wife was, born May 2^d. 1739.

Stephen Pain ye son of Stephen Pain & Mary his wife was born September 6th. 1739.

Zebdia, alias Zebdial Adams ye son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife was born November 5th. 1739.

Elizabeth Hunt ye Daughter of Benjamin Hunt and Sarah his wife was born July 20th. 1730.

Benjamin Hunt ye son of Benjamin Hunt and Sarah his wife was born October 17th. 1738.

Lucy Holbrook ye Daughter of John Holbrook and Sarah his wife was born November 28th. 1739.

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[215] Hannah Marsh, ye Daughter of Alexander Marsh and Hannah his wife was born November 20th. 1739.

Jonathan French, ye son of Moses French and Esther his wife was born Jan^ry 19th. 1739.

Joseph Blancher ye son of Nathaniel Blancher Junr and Hannah his wife was Born January 24th. 1739.

Rachel Hollis ye Daughter of Thomas Hollis and Rachel his wife was born June 2^d. 1739.

Mary Hayward the Daughter of Samuel Hayward Junr. and Sarah his wife was born November 15th. 1739.

Abigail (or Nabie) Hobart ye Daughter of Israel Hobart and Persilla his wife was Born September 20th. 1738.

Zachariah Thayer ye son of Zachariah Thayer and Elizabeth his wife was born February 26th. 1718.
Entered March 15th. 1739.

Elizabeth Thayer ye Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Elizabeth his wife was born April 12th. 1721.

Amy Thayer the Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Elizabeth his wife was born august 1st. 1726.

Ruhamah Thayer ye Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Abigail his wife was born March 4th. 1735.

Abigail Thayer ye Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Abigail his wife was born June 30th. 1739.

Zeporah Curtis ye Daughter of John Curtis and Zeporah his wife was born August 24th. 1737.

Jeremiah Thayer ye son of Jeremiah Thayer and Johannah his wife was Born August 20th. 1739.

Eleazer Thayer ye son of Eleazer Thayer and Rachel his wife was born February 29th. 1739.
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[216] Entered at her Mothers request & by her Account vizt.

Sarah Seale the Daughter of John Seale and Abigail Seale his wife was born at Philadelphia, & in New England Town in (Fairfield) November ye 8th. 1728.

Susah Niles ye Daughter of Increase Niles & Hannah his wife was born August the 28th. 1739. (See below.)

Rachel Niles, ye Daughter of Daniel Niles and Marcy his wife was born September 18th. 1737.

Nahum Niles ye son of Daniel Nile and Marcy his wife was born Octob^r. 15th. 1739.

Susannah Niles ye Daughter of Increase Niles and Hannah his wife was born August the 28th. 1737.

John Niles ye son of John Niles jun^r. Sec^dus. or the fourth and Dorithy his wife was born January 22^d. 1739.

Mary Savel the Daughter of Benjamin Savel and Mary his Wife was born November ye 24th. 1739.

Thomas Belcher the son of Nathaniel Belcher and Hannah his wife was born October 20th. 1739.

Willm Tant ye son of Willm. Tant & Elizabeth his wife was born May 30th. 1739.

Nathaniel Vinton the son of Nathaniel Vinton and Anne his wife was born February 24th. 1739.

Rachel Spear ye Daughter of Ebenezer Spear and Janne his wife was born December the 15th. 1736.

Samuel French the Son of Benjamin French & Hepzibah his wife was born March 3^d. 1737.

Anne Spear the Daughter of Ebenezer Spear and Janne his wife was born October the 25th. 1739.

Assa Batts, the son of William Batts and Mary his wife was born September 26th. 1739.

Benja. Porter ye son of Benja. Porter & Dorothy his wife was born March 19th. 1739.

Seth Hunt the son of Lt. John Hunt and Rebeckah his wife was born May the 14th. 1739.

Willm. Thayer ye son of Peter Thayer and Anne his wife was born January 26th. 1739.

John Wales, ye son of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife was born March 3d. 1739.

Hannah Jones ye Daughter of Ephraim Jones junr. & Mary his wife was born March 8th. 1739.

Thomas Allen ye Son of Thomas Allen and Mary his wife was born March 28th. 1740

Abraham Nash ye son of Benjamin Nash and Anne his wife was born May ye 16th. 1740.

Elizabeth Eaton ye Daughter of ye Revd. Mr. Elisha Eaton and Katherine his wife was born May 9th. 1740.

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[217] Semion Allen ye son of Micajah Allen and Mary his wife was born Augt. 6th. 1740.

Jadadiah Thayer, ye son of Mr. Ebenezr Thayer and Rachel his wife was born April 14th. 1740.

Lydia Veasey the Daughter of Eleazer Veazey and Anne his wife was born ye 18th. of April 1740.

Elizabeth White ye Daughter of Daniel White and Elizabeth his wife was born ye 2d. of December 1738.

Thaddeus Hayden the son of Samll Hayden junr. Secundus or fourth and Easther his wife was born November 17th. 1740.

Benja. Wild ye son of Jonathan Wild and Sarah his wife was born January 6th. 1739.

Nathll Thayer ye son of Nathll. Thayer junr & Mary his wife was born September 2d. 1739.

Eunice Allen the Daughter of Benjamin Allen and Deborah his wife was born February 18th. 1740.

Phebe Porter, ye Daughter of Benja. Porter & Dorothy his wife was born Augt ye 14th. 1740.

Job Littlefield the son of Nathaniel Littlefield and Deborah his wife was Born

Mary Marsh the Daughter of Moses Marsh & Sarah his wife was born Feb^ry 13th. 1740.

Archabald Lemont, the Son of Robert Lamont and Hannah his wife was Born February 3d. 1740.

Anna Vesey ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born September 16th. 1740.

Benjamin Stedman the Son of Benjamin Stedman & Ruth his wife was Born October the 18th. 1739.

Joseph Ford the son of Joseph Ford and Perslla his wife was born September 18th. 1740.

Elisha Ludden the son of John Ludden and Mary his wife was Born Decemb^{r}. 12th. 1740.

Nathaniel Wales ye son of Jos. Wales & Hannah His wife was born October 20th. 1740

Elizabeth Vesey the Daughter of Benjamin Vesey and Dorothy his wife was born February 5th. 1733.

Lemuel Marsh ye son of John Marsh & submit his wife was born August 3^{d}. 1740

Benjamin Vesey, the Son of Benjamin Veasey and Dorothy his wife was born April 11th.

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[218] Ephraim Thayer the son of Peter Thayer and Anna his wife was born February 16th. 1740.

Comfort Curtis the son of John Curtis and Zeporah his wife was Born April 24th. 1740.

Ruben Cowin ye son of Jno. Cowin & Rachel his wife was born April 17th. 1740.

Hannah Copeland, the daughter of Sam^{ll}. Copeland Junr. and Mary his wife was born July 12th. 1740.

Joseph Niles, ye son of Increase Niles & Hannah his wife was born November ye 19th. 1740.

Rebeckah Gilkey, the Daughter of William Gilkey and Hannah his wife was born, March 22^{d}. 1740.

Mary Bate, ye Daughter of Willm. Bate & Mary his wife was born, March 29th. 1740.

Levi French the son of Dependance French and Mary his wife was born April 27th. 1740.

Abel Thayer the son of Zachariah Thayer & Abigail his wife was born Feb^{ry} 2^{d}. 1740.

Elihu Adams, the son of Mr. John Adams and Susannah, his wife was born May 29th. 1741.

Bethiah Hobart ye Daughter of Israel Hobart and Pricilla his wife was born June 18th. 1741.

Adam Hunt, the son of Benjamin Hunt and Sarah his wife was born December 1st. 1740.

Elideah Thayer the Daughter of Gideon Thayer and Hannah his wife was born Augt. 1741.

Sasson Belcher, y^{e} of Moses Belcher jun^{r} & Eunice his wife was born June 21st. 1741.

Eunice French, ye Daughter of Thomas French Sec^{dus} and Mary his wife was Born Augt. 14th. 1741.

Benja Beal ye son of Lievt Benja. Beal & Abigail his wife was born May 21st. 1741.

Alice Spear, the Daughter of Nathan Spear and Mehitabell His wife was born 1741.

Jerusha Marsh, ye Daughter of Alexander Marsh & Hannah his wife was born July 3^{d}. 1741.

Lydia Dunham, the Daughter of Caleb Dunham and Mary his wife was born October 22^{d}. 1741.

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[219] Joseph Spear, the son of Benja. Spear and Sarah his wife was born Sept. 19th. 1741.

Joseph Holbrook the son of John Holbrook junr and Mary his wife was born October 30th. 1741.

Charity Silvester, ye Daughter of Benja. Silvester & Elizabeth his wife born October 26th. 1741.

Ebenezer Hancock, the son of the Revd. Mr. John Hancock, and Mary his wife was born November 15th. 1741.

Hannah Savel ye Daughtr. of Benja. Savel & Mary his wife was born November 5th. 1741.

Sarah Niles the Daughter of John Niles fourth & Dorothy his wife was born July 21st. 1741.

Dorothy Dyer ye Daughtr. of Peter Dyer & Dorothy his wife was born July 25th. 1741.

Anne Thayer the Daughter of Benjamin Thayer and Hannah, His wife was born August 11th. 1741.

Ebenezr. Bass ye son of Ebenezer Bass and Sarah his wife was born December 11th. 1741.

Zepheon Thayer, ye Son of Gideon Thayer & Rachel his wife was born November 6th. 1741.

John Arnold, ye son of Samuel Arnold Junr. and Bethiah his wife was born February 21st. 1741

Christopher Thayer, the son of Christopher Thayer and Mary his wife was born April 27th. 1741.

Adam French, son of Benjamin & Hepzibah his wife born Febry. 6, 1741.

Thomas Copeland, the son of Thoms Copeland and Susanah his wife was born January 19th. 1741

James Thayer, the son of James Thayer Secdus and Esther his wife was born January 27th. 1741.

Releaf Thayer, the Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer junr. and Mary his wife was born October 25, 17 .

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[220] Sarah Savel, the Daughter of William Savel and Rachel his wife was born March ye 9th. 1741.

Silus Hunt, ye son of Benja. Hunt & Sarah his wife was born January 22d. 1741.

Meshek Penniman ye Son of William Penniman & Ruth his wife was born ye 8th. 1741, vizt 1741

Mary Belcher ye Daughter of Nath Belcher & Hannah his wife was born Octobr. 8th. 1741.

David Person Hayward, the son of John Hayward and Silence his wife was born August 11th. 1741.

Sarah Marsh, the Daughter of Moses Marsh & Sarah his wife was born December 7th. 1741.

William Niles ye son of Joseph Niles & Anna his wife was born 5th. of March 1741.

Rhoda Vinton ye Daughter of Thos. Vinton junr & Mehitabel his wife was born Febry 15th. 1741.

Micajah Adams, the son of Ebenezer Adams and Anne his wife was born March 6th. 1741.

Seth Spear, the son of John Spear Sec^{dus} and Mary his wife was born January 19th. 1741.

Didymus Hayward the son of Aaron Hayward and Ruth his wife was born March 15th. 1741.

Thomas Thayer, the son of Thom^{s}. Thayer and Lydia his wife was Born January 26th. 1741.

Abigail Hunt ye Daughter of Ephraim Hunt and Ruth his wife was born March 1st. 1741.

Abigail Hayward the Daughter of Sam^{ll}. Hayward jun^{r}. and Sarah his wife was born April 11th. 1741.

Abigail Curtis, ye Daughter of John Curtis & Ziporah His wife was born April 20th. 1742.

Stephen Spear, the Son of Willm. Spear and Hannah his wife was born April 24th. 1742.

Ruth & Sarah Copeland^{s} ye Daughters of Sam^{ll}. Copeland, Junr. & Mary his wife was born (being twins) April 26th. 1742.

John Allen, the Son of Jno. Allen Junr. and Mary his wife was Born June 19th. 1742.

Lemuel Wales ye son of Jos. Wales & Hannah his wife was born June 20th. 1742.

Experance French, the Daughter of Alexander French and Rebeckah his wife was born April 23^{d}. 1742.

Hannah Eaton, ye Daughter of ye Rev^{ed}. Mr. Elisha Eaton and Katherine his wife was born May 31st. 1742.

[221] Jacob Clark ye son of John Clark & Susannah his wife was Born June 16th. 1742.

Mary French, the Daughter of Josiah French and Mary His wife was born Augt 26th. 1742.

Elizabeth Allen, ye Daughter of Thomas Alen & Mary his wife was born July 23^{d}. 1742.

Thomas Lamont, the son of Robert Lamont and Hannah his wife was Born July 31st. 1742.

Mary Houghton the Daughter of Ebenezer Houghton & Sarah his wife was born August 16th. 1742.

Phineas Pain ye Son of Benja. Pain & Elizabeth his wife was born Augt 6th. 1742.

Anne Veasey the Daughter of Eleaz^{r}. Veasey and Anne his wife was born October 29th. 1742.

Joshua Thayer ye Son of Zachariah Thayer & Abigail his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 11th. 1742.

Joseph White, the son of Joseph White & Ruth his wife born November 22^{d}. 1742.

Deliver^{ce}. French, ye Daughter of Moses French & Esther his wife was born November ye 18th. 1742.

Ephraim Jones ye Son of Ephraim Jones jun^{r}. & Mary his Wife was born Septr. 12th. 1742.

William Linfield ye Son of W^{m}. Linfield Junr. & Jemima his wife was born Octob^{r}. 4th. 1742.

Mary Brackett, ye Daughter of Richard Brackett & Lydia his wife was born, November 23^{d}. 1742.

Paul Allen ye son of Micah Allen & Mary his wife was born November 17th. 1742.

Jese Bate the son of William Bate and Mary his wife was born December 7th. 1742.

Zacheus Thayer ye Son of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife was born December 27th. 1742.

Mary Spear, ye Daught^{r}. of Jno. Spear Sec^{dus} & Mary his wife was born Jan^{ry} 4th. 1742.

Samuel Hayden, the son of Samuel Hayden Junr and Esther His wife was born the 20th. of January 1742

Timothy Ludden ye son of Jno. Ludden & Mary his wife was born December 3^{d}. 1742.

Deliverance French, the Daughter of Dependance French and Mary His wife was born Jan^{ry} 31st. 1742.

Abigail Penniman ye Daughter of William Penniman & Ruth his wife was born February 24, 1742.

Elizabeth Thayer, ye Daughter of Isaiah Thayer & Sarah, his wife was born November 15th. 1742.

Mary Holbrook ye Daughter of David Holbrook jun^{r}. & Mary his wife was born December 25th. 1742.

James Rusell, ye son of James Rusell & Mary his wife was Born Feb^{ry} 15, 1742.

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[222] Thomas French, ye Son of Thom^{s}. French Sec^{dus}. and Mary his wife was Born April 3^{d}. 1743.

Thomas Fenton, ye Son of Thom^{s}. Fenton Jun. and Elinor, his wife was born March 15th. 1742.

Hannah Holbrook, ye Daughter of John Holbrook jun. & Mary his wife was born March 20th. 1742.

Cuzziah Niles, ye Daught^{r} of Jno. Niles Junr. Sec^{dus} or fouth & Dorothy his wife was born Feb^{ry} 25th. 1742.

Elizabeth Tant ye Daughtir of William Tant & Elizabeth his wife was born Apr. 19th. 1742.

Mary Thayer ye Daughter of Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife was born April 7th. 1743, vizt 1743.

Hannah Holbrook ye Daught^{r}. of John Holbrook jun^{r} & Mary his wife was born March 20th. (see above) 1742.

Anne Owen ye Daught^{r}. of Joseph Owen Junr. and Elizabeth his wife was born February 6th. 1742.

Thomas French ye son of Thomas French jun^{r} & Mary his Wife was born April 3^{d}. 1743.

Susannah Thayer ye Daughter of Napthali Thayer & Bathsheba his wife was born May 26th. 1743, vizt 1743.

Stephen Penniman ye son of James Penniman & Darcas his wife was born June 4th. 1743.

Adam Hobart ye son of Caleb Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born June 9th. 1743.

Sam^{ll} Webb, ye son of Sam^{ll}. Webb, & Sarah, his wife, was born December 10th. 1742.

James Ford ye Son of Jos. Ford and Percila his wife was born June the 13th. 1743.

Moses Porter ye son of Benja^{n}. Porter & Dorothy his wife was born April 6th. 1743.

Marjury Hayward ye Daughter of John Hayward and Silance his wife was born June 25th. 1743.

Hannah Nash, ye Daughter of Benjamin Nash, & Anne his wife was born July 24th. 1743.

Katherine Marsh, the Daughter of Alexander Marsh & Hannah his wife was born Septr. 24th. 1743.

Elizabeth Crane ye Daughter of Clement Crane and Rebeckah his wife was born May 20th. 1743.

[223] Abijah Hunt ye son of Benja Hunt & Sarah Hunt his wife was born Augt. 22^{d}. 1743.

Isaac Thayer, ye son of Abraham Thayer & Sarah his wife was Born May 9th. 1742.

Simeon Hayward, Son of Aaron Hayward & Ruth his wife was born Septr. 1st. 1743.

Lemuel Vesey, Son of Benja & Mary Vesey born July 3, 1743.

James Ludden ye son of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth wife was born Septemb^{r}. 5th. 1743.

Mary Vesey ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born June 18th. 1743.

Joseph Beal ye Son of Mr. Benja. Beal jun^{r} and Abigail his wife was Born September 9th. 1743.

Anna Thayer ye Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer jun^{r}. & Mary his wife was born September 17th. 1743.

Mary Spear, the Daughter of John Spear Tert^{s}. & Mary his wife born January 4th. 1743.

William Porter ye son of Jonath^{n}. Porter and Hannah his wife was Born September 19th. 1743.

Arodi Thayer ye son of Gideon Thayer & Rachel his wife was born February 19th. 1743.

Silence Dyer, ye Daughter of Peter Dyer & Dorothy his wife was born January 5th. 1743.

Elisha Wild, ye son of Jonathan Wild and Sarah sec^{dus} his wife was born October 16th. 1743.

Elizabeth Hollis the Daughter of James Hollis and Elizabeth his wife was born June 25th. 1743.

Timothy Thayer ye son of Joseph Thayer & Eunice his wife was born October 17th. 1743.

Sam^{ll}. Belcher ye Son of Sam^{ll}. Belcher & Abigail his wife was born October 24th. 1743.

Moses Marsh, the son of Moses Marsh, & Sarah his wife was born January 6th. 1743.

Andrew Hunt the Son of Mr. vizt. Lt John Hunt and Rebeckah his wife was born Jan^{ry} 5, 1743.

Hannah Vinton ye Daughter of Nathaniel Vinton & Anne His wife was born January 17th. vizt. 1743.

John Vinton ye son of Thomas Vinton jun. & Mehitable his wife was born March first 1743.

Benja Savel ye Son of Benja. Savel & Mary his wife Born January 26th. 1743 (& Dyed Feb^{ry} 23^{d}. 1743.

Anne Hobart ye Daughter of Israel Hobart and Priscilla his wife was born April 5th. vizt 1744.

Nathaniel Niles ye son of Mr. Samuel Niles jun^r & Sarah his wife was born April ye 4th. 1741.

Isaac Copeland ye Son of Sam^ll. Copeland Junr. & Mary his wife was born April 11th. 1744.

[224] John Ruggles ye son of Josiah Ruggles & Mary his wife was born March 17th. 1743.

Anne Smith ye Daught^r of Sam^ll. Smith & Mary his wife was born April 5th. 1744.

Thaddaus Eaton ye Son of ye Rev^d. Mr. Elisha Eaton and Katharine his wife was born April 1st. 1744.

Mary Belcher, ye Daught^r. of Moses Belcher jun^r. & Eunice his wife was born May 24th. 1744.

Benjamin Orcute ye son of Benja Orcute And Tabatha his wife was born May 30th. 1744.

Paul Clark ye son of John Clark & Susannah his wife was Born April 15th. 1744.

Hannah Holbrook, ye Daught^r of David Holbrook Junr & Mary his wife was born May 31, 1744.

Dorothy Spear ye Daughter of John Spear Sec^dus & Mary his wife was born February 14th. 1743.

William Allen ye son of Thomas Allen & Mary his wife was Born June ye 7th. 1744, & dyed ye same day namely June 7th 1744.

Job French ye son of Alexander French and Mary his wife was born June 16th. 1744.

William Baxter ye son of Gregory Baxter & Mary his wife was born June 17th. 1744.

Betty Owen ye Daughter of Joseph Owen jun^r & Elizabeth his wife was Born April 2^d. 1744.

Adam Thayer ye son of Benja. Thayer & Hannah his wife was born July 4th. 1744.

Ebenezer Bradly ye son of Alexander Bradly & Mary his wife was born Augt. 30th. 1744.

Mary Fenton, the Daughter of Thomas Fenton Junr. & Eliner his wife was born Augt 8th. 1744.

Daniel Spear, the son of William Spear & Hannah his wife was Born August 31st. 1744.

Phillip Selvester, ye Son of Benjaman Silvester & Elizabeth his wife was born Augt. 19th. 1744.

Mary Russell ye Daughter of James Russell & Mary his wife was born September 1st. 1744.

Sarah Thayer ye Daught^r of Isaiah Thayer & Sarah his wife was born September 14th. 1744.

John Spear ye son of John Spear Ter^ar & Mary his wife was born August 1st. 1744.

James Hayward, ye son of Sam^ll. Hayward jun^r & Sarah his wife was born Sept 22^d. 1744.

Grace Bate ye Daughter of Willm. Bate & Mary his wife was born July 13th. 1744.

Anna Thayer ye Daughter of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife was Born Septr. 29th. 1744.

[225] Gaius Thayer, ye Son of Thom^s Thayer and Lydia his wife was born November 20th. 1744.

Rachel Nash ye Daughter of Benjamin Nash & Anne his wife was born Octob^r. 20th.

James Faxon ye son of James Faxon & Releaf his wife was born October 6th. 1744.

Solomon Clark ye Son of Benja. Clark Junr. and Bethiah his wife was born November 16th. 1744.

Elizabeth Niles ye Daughter of Mr. Samuel Niles jun^r & Sarah his wife was born March 31st. 1743.

Caleb Thayer ye Son of Zebulon Thayer & Mary his wife was born Jan^ry 20th. 1744.

Mercy Thayer the Daughter of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born Feby 27th. 1743.

Mary French, ye Daughter of Dependance French & Mary his wife was born October 7th. 1744.

Samuel Niles ye son of Samuel Niles Junr. & Sarah his wife was born November, 3^d. 1744.

Jane Tant ye Daughter of Willm Tant and Elizabeth his wife was Born October 15th. 1744.

William Thayer the son of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born Aug^st. 26th. 1745.

Sam^ll. Blancher ye Son of Sam^ll. Blancher and Mary his wife was born November 1744.

Solomon Thayer son of Eliakem & Deborah Thayer born September 23^d. 1744.

Susannah Hayward ye Daughter of John & Silance his wife was born Jan^ry 6th. 1744/5.

Asaph Wales son of Nath^ll. & Anna Wales born Aug^st. 1st. 1745.

Joannah Wales ye Daughter of Capt. Thomas Wales & Sarah his wife was born, January 13th. 1743.

John Jones ye Son of Ephraim Jones Junr. & Mary his wife was Born January 27th. 1744.

Sarah Ludden & Elizabeth Ludden the Daughters of John Ludden & Mary his wife was born December 1st. 1744.

Rhoda Hayward, ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife was born December, 21st. 1744.

Mary Thayer ye Daughter of Josiah Thayer & Mary his wife was born February 6th. 1744.

Seth Ludden ye son of Benja. Ludden ter^us. & Joannah his wife was born Feb^ry 4th. 1744.

Ebenezer Belcher ye Son of Nathaniel Belcher and Hannah his wife was born December 2^d. 1744.

Rachel Thayer, ye Daughter of Gideon Thayer & Rachel his wife was Born December 20th. 1744.

Sarah Field ye Daughter of Ebenez^r. Field Junr. & Hannah his wife was born Feb^ry. 18th. 1744.

Barnabas Allen ye son of Mica^h Allen & Mary his wife was born December 14th. 1744.

Silence Thayer ye Daughter of Zachariah Thayer & Abigail his wife was born February 11th. 1744.

Amos Thayer ye Son Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife was born April 5th. 1745.

Micaiah Porter ye son of Benjamin Porter & Mary his wife was born April 26th. 1745.

Esick Marsh ye son of Alexander Marsh and Hannah his wife was born April 30th. 1745.

Nehemiah Holbrook ye son of Nehemiah Holbrook and Christian his wife was born May 6th. 1745.

[226] Peter Beale ye son of Lt. Benja. Beal & Abigail his wife was born June 11th. 1745.

John Holbrook ye son of John Holbrook Junr. and Mary his wife was born June ye 20th. 1745.

Anne Crane ye Daughter of Clement Crane & Rebeckah his wife was born June 20th. 1745.

Levi Ludden ye son of Joseph Ludden and Elizabeth his wife was born June 29th. 1745.

Elizabeth Wales, Daughter of Nath^ll & Elizabeth born Apr. 22^d. 1745.

Mary Orberton, ye Daughter of James Orberton & Mary his wife was born Feb^ry. 16th. 1745.

Benjamin Vesey son of Benja. & Mary Vesey born Feb^ry 9th. 1745.

Seth French ye Son of Seth French and Patince his wife was born September 30th. 1745.

Sarah Tower ye Daughter of Jno. Tower & Rachel his wife was born May 1745.

Asaph Wales, ye son of Nath^ll. Wales Sec^dus & Anna his wife was born August 1st. 1745.

Hannah Niles ye Daughter of Joseph Niles & Anne his wife was born Ap^ll. 2^d. 1745.

Abigail Penniman, ye Daughter of James Penniman & Dorcas his wife was born Augt. 4th. 1745.

Lemuel Thayer ye son of Lemuel Thayer & Anne his wife was born July 14th. 1744.

Alice Brackett the Daughter of Joseph Brackett Junr. and Mary his wife was born September ye 11th. 1745.

Releaf Clark ye Daughter of John Clark & Susannah his wife was born October 29th. 1745.

David White son of Joseph White & Ruth his wife born May 19th. 1745.

David Hunt, ye son of David Hunt & Sarah his wife was born July 7th. 1745.

Nathan^ll Thayer ye son Nath^ll Thayer & Mary his wife was born Augt. 15th. 1745.

John Clark ye son of Mr. Peter Clarke and Anne his wife was born June 24th. 1745.

Sarah Newton Marsh, ye Daughter of John Marsh, & Submit His wife was born June 30th. 1745.

Comfort Curtis Daughter of John Curtis and Zipporah his wife was born June 21st. 1745.

Olive Finton ye Daughter of Thomas Fenton Junr. an Elinor his wife was born December 19th. 1745.

Ichabod Dyer ye son of Peter Dyer & Dorothy his wife was born December 15th. 1745.

Ebenezer Niles ye Son of John Niles jun^r^. Secun^dus^ &c and Dorothy his wife was born Jan^ry^ 16th. 1745.

Lemuel Wild ye son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was born December 28th. 1745.

Abigail Vinton ye Daughter of Thomas Vinton Junr. & Mehitable his wife was born Feb^ry^. 18th. 1745 vizt. 1745.

Mary Orberton ye Daughter of James Orberton & Mary his wife was born Feb^ry^. 16th. 1745.

Vashti Thayer, Daughter of Benjamin Thayer, And Hannah his wife was born Feb^ry^ 20th. 1745.

Eph'm, & Philip Capen the (twins) Sons of John Capen & Ruth his wife was born March 24th. 1745.

Sarah Hayden (So called) ye Daughter of Abigail French ye Daughter (of John French) and as ye Informants Mother French Given to me (was born Jan^ry^ 24th. 1745. Jo^n^. Hayd^en^ Junr.)

A child of Wm Vesey by Sarah his wife born & Deceased March 24th. 1745

[227] ye 2^d^ Anna Thayer, ye Daughter of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife was born April ye 9th. 1746.

Joshua Thayer, ye Son of Zebulon Thayer & Mary his wife was born March 1st. 1745.

Jonath^n^. Wales, ye son of Atherton Wales & Sarah his wife was born March 20th. 1745.

Ephraim Wales ye son of Dea. Thomas Wales, & Sarah his wife was born May 9th. 1746.

William Allen, ye Son of Thomas Allen & Mary his wife was born May 28th. 1746.

Nathaniel Ford, ye son of Joseph Ford & Prisila his wife was born June 23^d^. 1746.

Mary Thayer, ye Daughter of Gideon Thayer & Rachel his wife was born June 24th. 1746.

Jacob Copeland, ye son of Sam^ll^. Copeland Junr. & Mary his wife was born July 10th. 1746.

James Hollis, the son of James Hollis & Elizabeth his wife, Born May 21st. 1746.

Jerusha French, ye Daught^r^. of Thomas French Sec^dus^. & Mary his wife was born July 29th. 1746.

Lemuel Clark ye son of Sam^ll^. Clark & Sarah his wife was born, June 9th. 1746.

Henry Field ye son of Gilford Field & Bethiah his wife was born July 28th. 1746.

Benjamin Thayer, ye son of Benja Thayer Sec^dus^ & Ruth his wife was born, June 24th. 1746.

Joseph Spear, son to John Spear Tertius, and Mary his wife born June 12th. 1746.

Esther Ludden ye Daughter of Benja Ludden Junr and Esther his wife was born, Augs^t^. the 20th. 1746.

Rachel Marsh the Daughter of Moses Marsh, & Sarah his wife was Born Augt. the 19th. 1746.

Mary Hayden ye Daughter of Sam^ll^. Hayden was Born October ye 16th. 1746.

Amos Smith, ye son of Sam^ll^. Smith & Mary his wife was born Augt. 3^d^. 1746.

John Vesey ye son of William Vesey and Sarah his wife was born September 13th. 1746.

Jonathan Field the son of Ebenezer Field Junr. and Hannah, his wife was born, Septemb^r^. 18th. 1746.

Anne Ludden ye Daughter of Jno. Ludden & Mary his wife was born, November, ye 14th. 1746.

Hannah Holbrook, ye Daughter of Ichabod Holbrook & Hannah, his wife was born October 19th. 1746.

Edward Faxon, ye son of Edward Faxon & Hanah his wife was born January (viz. dead born) 1746.

Jonathan Clark, ye son of John Clark & Susanna his wife was born Feb^ry^ 3^d^. 1746.

Rebeck Hayward ye Daughter of Sam^ll^. Hayward and Mary his wife was born Feb^ry^. 25th. 1746.

Amariah Marsh, the son of Alexander Marsh, & Hannah his wife was born February 18th. 1746.

Abigail Beale ye Daughter of Lt. Benjamin Beal & Abigail his wife was born March, 22^d^. 1746.

Eli Porter, ye son of Benjamin Porter & Marcy his wife was born, March 25th. (on ye begining of ye year) 1747.

Joseph Jones & Mary Jones (twin Children) or son & Daughter of Ephraim Jones Junr. & Mary his wife were born Feb^ry^ 24th. 1746.

Sarah Holbrook, ye Daughter of David Holbrook Junr. and Mary his wife was born, January 11th. 1746.

Joseph Spear ye son of John Spear ter^us^ and Mary his wife was born June 24th. 1746.

Ahaz French, ye son of Josiah French was born, October 31st. 1746 of Mary his wife.

James Hunt, the son of Benja Hunt & Sarah his wife was born March, 7th. 1746.

Ebenezer Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Susannah, his wife was born August 21st. 1746.

Mayhew Belcher, the Son of Moses Belcher Junr. and Eunice his wife was born March 12th. 1746.

Benjamin Ludden the son of Benjamin Ludden Ter^us^. & Joannah, his wife was born March the 2^d^. 1746.

Richard Faxon, the Son of James Faxon and Releafe his wife was born November, 10th. 1746.

[228] Seth Porter the son of Seth Porter and Abigail his wife was born April 2^d^. 1747.

James Niles the son of John Niles Ter^us^. or Junr. & Dorothy his wife was born April 2^d^. 1747.

Christopher Webb, the son of Samuel Webb, and Sarah his wife was born April 21st. 1747.

Elizabeth Ludden the daughter of Joseph & Elizabeth Ludden, born Augt. 16th. 1751.

Bety Clark ye Daughter of Joseph Clark & Mary his wife was born March 16th. 1747.

Ruth Porter, the Daughter of Joseph Porter and Ruth his wife was born May 18th. 1747.

Elizabeth Whitmarsh, ye Daughter of Willm. Whitmarsh and Elizabeth his wife was born, January 8th. 1747.

Susannah White the Daughter of Mica White & Susanna his wife was born June the 18th. 1747.

Elihu Thayer the son of Nathaniel Thayer, juner & Mary his wife was born March 18th. 1746.

Martha French ye Daughter of Dependance French & Mary his wife was born July 24th. 1747.

John Thayer, ye son of John Thayer Terus & Abigail his wife was born November 26th. 1745.

Silus Allen the Son of Micajah Allen and Mary his wife was, born born April 3d. 1747.

William Holbrook, the son of Nehemiah Holbrook, & Christian his wife was born April 2d. 1747.

Jerusha Owen the Daughter of Joseph Owen and Elizabeth his wife was born June 16th. 1747.

Reliance Allen, the Daughtr. of Jonathan Allen & Mary his wife was born July 6th. 1747.

Henry Vesey, son of Benjamin & Mary Vesey born Octr. 25, 1746

Abigail Thayer the Daughter of Christopher Thayer and Mary his wife was born Augt. 20th. 1747.

Elizabeth Wales, ye Daughter of Nathll. Wales Secdus & Anna his wife was born April 22d. 1747.

Betty Thayer ye Daughter of Joseph Thayer & Eunice his wife was born March 25th. 1747.

Deborah Clark the Daughter of Mr. Peter Clark & Anne his wife was born Augt. 13th. 1747.

William Blancher, ye son of Samll Blancher & Mary his wife was born Augt. ye 31st. 1747.

Joshua Hobart, the son of Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth his wife was born Augt. 1st. 1747.

Samuel Bass, ye son of Samll. Bass & Anna his wife was born August 22d. 1747.

Susanna Thayer the Daughter of Benjamin Thayer (Secdus) and Ruth his wife was born September 30th. 1747.

Sarah Wales ye Daughter of Nathll. Wales Terus & Sarah his wife was born October 3d. 1747.

Prudence Dyer, the Daughter of Peter Dyer & Dorothy his wife was born October 10th. 1747.

Isaac Dunham, ye Son of Caleb Dunham, & Mary his wife was born July 18th. 1746.

Sarah Vinton, the Daughter of Nath^{ll}. Vinton, and Anne his wife was born Decemb^{r}. 20th. 1747.

Pricilla Whitcome, the Daughter of Noah Whitcome & Mary his wife was born March 5th. 1745.

[229] David Holbrook, the son of David Holbrook & Mary his wife was born February 1st. 1747.

Benjamin Foster, the son of Benja Foster (Deceased) & Ruth his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 12th. 1747.

Ebenezer Hayward ye son of John Hayward & Silance his wife was born February 19th. 1746/7.

Betty Holbrook ye Daughter of John Holbrook Junr. & Mary his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 15th. 1747.

Thaddeus Eaton the Son of the Rev^{d}. Mr. Elisha Eaton and Rebeckah his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 26th. 1747.

John Wales, the son of Capt. Thom^{s}. Wales, and Sarah his wife was born February 14th. 1747.

James Hunt, the son of Benjamin Hunt & Sarah his wife was born March, the fifth 1747.

Sam^{ll}. Savel, the son of Benjamin Savel & Mary his wife was born Augt. 2^{d}. 1747.

Anne Thayer ye Daughter of Lemuel Thayer & Anne his wife was born Augt. 2^{d}. 1747.

Moley Fenton the Daughter of Thomas Fenton Junr. & Eliner his wife was born March 10th. 1747.

Caleb Hobart ye Son of Caleb Hobart Junr. & Elizabeth his wife was born Jan^{ry}. 20th. 1744.

Thomas Faxon the son of Thomas Faxon & Elizabeth his wife was born March 18th. 1747.8.

Sarah Owen the Daughter of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his, wife was born March the 10th. 1747.

Nehemiah Thayer The son of Jonathan Thayer and Darcas his wife was born March 11th. 1747.
his father says this is a mistake he was born Aug. 11, 1748.

Rec^{d} 3^{d}. James Obeton the son of James Obiton and Mary his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 10th. 1747.

Mary Chesman ye Daughter of Sam^{ll}. Chesman & Mary his wife was born February 24th. 1747.

Ichabod Holbrook the son of Ichabod Holbrook and Hannah his wife was born May 26th. 1748.

Thankfull White, Daughter of Joseph White & Ruth his wife born May 25th. 1747.

Susanna French, the Daughter of Alexander French & Susanna his wife was born June 17th. 1748.

Jonathan Crane ye son of Ebenez^{r} Crane & Elizabeth his wife was born June 9th. 1748.

Anna Marsh, ye Daughter of Mr. John Marsh, and submit his wife was born, May 2^{d}. 1748.

Elizabeth Hobart ye Daughter of Caleb Hobart Junr. & Elizabeth, his wife was born May 16th. 1747.

Aletheah Thayer the Daughter of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born Apr^{l}. 20th. 1748.

Nathaniel Wales Thayer ye Son of James Thayer Secundus & Esther his wife was born Aug. 21st. 1748.

Susanna Dunham, ye Daughter of Caleb Dunham, and Mary his wife was born April 14th. 1748.

Hannah the Daughter of John & Elizabeth Hobart born Apr 8, 1747.

Abraham Hunt the son & Sarah Hunt the Daughter (twins) Children of Benjamin, Hunt & Sarah his wife were born June 2^d. 1748.

Achsah Wales, Daughter of Nathl & Anna born May 30, 1749.

Jabze Thayer the son of Peter Thayer & Anne his wife was born July 7th. 1748.

Mehitabel Ludden ye Daughter of Benjamin Ludden Terus & Joannah his wife was born, September the 23^d. 1748.

Elizabeth Vesey, ye Daughter of William Vesey & Sarah his wife was born September 6th. 1748.

Rachel Sawin the Daughter of Eliphalet Sawin & Rachel his wife was born September 18th. 1748.

[230] Zebah Hayden the son of Benjamin Hayden & Mary his wife was born Decemb^r. 7th. 1748.

Mary Bradly ye Daughter of Alexander Bradly & Mary his wife was born September 15th. 1748.

William Whitmarsh, the son of William Whitmarsh and Elizabeth his wife, was born December 26th. 1748.

Judith Niles ye daughter of John Niles Junr. (alias Ter^us) was born October 23^d. 1748.

Elisha Thayer the son of Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Susanna his wife was born December the 4th. 1748.

Sarah Copeland ye Daughter of Sam^ll. Copeland & Mary his wife was born Septr. 20th. 1748.

Jonathan Allen the son of Jonathan Allen & Mary his wife was born Feb. 16th. 1748.

Mary Wales the Daughter of Nathaniel Wales, Ter^us & Sarah his wife was born Feb. 17th. 1748.

Clement Hayden ye son of Clement Hayden & Hannah his wife was born Augt 5th. 1738

Penelipe Marsh, ye Daughter of Alexander Marsh & Hannah his wife was born February the 26th. 1748

Richard Hayden ye Son of Clement Hayden & Hannah his wife was born November 7th. 1741.

Mary Vinton, ye Daughter of David Vinton, & Ruth his wife was born October 27th. 1748.

Mary Hayden ye Daughter of Clement Hayden & Hannah his wife was born Feb^ry. 15th. 1743.

Mary French the Daughter of Sam^ll. French Sec^dus & Mary his wife was born Jan^ry. 24th. 1748.

James Denton, ye Son of James Denton and Mary his wife was born Jan^ry 28th. 1748.

Hannah Beal ye Daughter of Benjamin Beal ju^r. & Abigail his wife was born September 17th. 1748.

Timothy Thayer ye son of Joseph Thayer & Eunice his wife was born March 4th. 1748.

Hannah Allen the Daughter of Mica Allen & Mary his wife was born April 30th. 1749.

William Vinton, ye son of Thomas Vinton Jun & Mehitable his wife was born July 18th. 1748.

Abigail Hayward the Daughter of Ebenezer Hayward & Abigail his wife was born May 3^d. 1749.

Abigail Thayer the Daughter of Caleb Thayer & Abigail his wife was born June 1746.

Noah Whitcome ye Son of Noah Whitcome & Mary his wife was born Feb^ry. 19th. 1747.

Lemuel Hayward ye son of John Hayward & Silence was born March 11th. 1748.

Ebenezer Thayer the son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife was born July 27th. 1749.

Ezra Ludden the son of John Ludden & Mary his wife was born October 3^d. 1748.

Edward Faxon, the son of Edward Faxon and Hannah, his wife was born August 25th. 1748.

Elizabeth Holbrook ye Daughter of Nehemiah Holbrook & Christain his wife was born Decemb^r. 25th. 1749.

[231] Ephraim Thayer the Son of James Thayer and Deborah his wife was born Octob^r. 14th. 1749.

Benjamin White the son of Benjamin White & Mercy his wife born August 12th. 1748.

Asa Wild the son of Jonathan Wild & Sarah his wife was Born March, the 3^d. 1748.

Lydia Holbrook ye Daughter of David Holbrook Jun. & Mary his wife was born December 21st. 1749.

Ebenezer Faxon the son of Thomas Faxon and Elizabeth, his wife was born December, the 12th. 1749.

Caleb Thayer the Son of Caleb Thayer & Abigail his wife was born June 2^d. 1748.

Abigail Porter the Daughter of Seth Porter & Abigail his wife was born July 10th. 1749.

Thomas Thayer, the son of Thomas Thayer and Lydia his wife was born January 10th. 1749.

John French ye Son of Dependance French, & Mary his wife was born January 26th. 1749.

Sarah Hayward ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife was born June 22^d. 1739.

Jonathan Hayward ye son of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife was born March 1740.

Rhoda Hayward ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife was born Feb^ry 7th. 1742.

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Marcy Hayward ye Daughter of Joseph Hayward and Sarah, his wife was born Jan^ry 4th. 1747.

Joseph Hayward ye Son of Joseph Hayward and Sarah his wife was born December 15th. 1748.

Nathaniel Niles ye son of Mr. Samuel Niles and Sarah his wife was born April 4th. 1741.

Elizabeth Niles ye Daughter of Mr. Samuel Niles and Sarah his wife was born March 31st. 1743.

Samuel Niles ye son of Mr. Samuel Niles Junr & Sarah his wife was born Decemb^r. 3^d. 1744.

Jeremiah Niles, the son of Mr. Samuel Niles jun^r. & Sarah his wife was born Septr. 23^d. 1749.

Lemuel Bryant the son of the Rev^rd. Lemuel Bryant & Mrs. Abigail his wife was born July 16th. 1749.

Paul Noyce ye son of Sam^ll. Noyce & Susanna his wife was born June 22^d. 1748.

Susanna Noyce the Daughter of Sam^ll. Noyce & Susannah, his wife was born November 17th. 1749.

Sam^ll. Hayden ye son of Sam^ll Hayden & Esther his wife was born January 20th.

Mary Tant the Daughter of Willm. Tant & Elizabeth his wife was born Jan^ry 18th. 1749.

John White, the son of John White & Ruth his wife was born February 4th. 1749.

Sarah Thayer Daughter of Nathaniel Thayer Junr. & Mary his wife was born September 14th. 1749.

Elizabeth Savel, ye Daughter of Samuel Savel & Abigail his wife was born January, 27th. 1749.

[232] Elizabeth Thayer ye Daughter of Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife was borne March 14th. 1749.

Sarah Holbrook the Daughter of John Holbrook jun^r & Mary, his wife was born March 23^d. 1749.

Ebenezer Holbrook the Son of Ichabod Holbrook & Hannah his wife was born March the 25th. 1749 alias 1750.

Elizabeth Owen ye Daughter of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife was born April 10th. 1750.

Sarah Thayer the Daughter of Abraham Thayer & Sarah his wife was born June 3^d. 1750.

Jedadiah Bass, ye Son of Jedadiah Bass & Hannah his wife was born June 9th. 1750.

Josiah French ye son of Josiah French & Mary his wife was born July 8th. 1750.

Mary Beal Daught^r of Lt. Benja. Beal ju^r. & Abigail his wife was born July 15th. 1750.

Samuel Linfield ye Son of David Linfield & Hannah his wife was born July ye 28th. 1750.

Ruth Chesman the Daughter of Sam^ll. Chesman & Mary his wife was born July 5th. 1750.

Sarah Allen the Daughter of Ensn. Thomas Allen & Mary his wife was born Augt. 20th. 1750.

Ruth Allen the Daughter of Abijah Allen and Ruth his wife was born December 20th. 1749.

Anna Wild the Daughter of John Wild & Anna his wife was born August 8th. 1748.

Enoch Penniman the Son of Ens^{n} James Penniman and Dorcos his wife was born September 1st. 1750.

Mary French the Daughter of Sam^{ll}. French Sec^{dus} and Mary his wife was born October 1750.

Silance French ye Daughter of Thom^{s} French Ter^{us} & Silance his wife wasborn August 22^{d}. 1750.

Samuel Vinton the son of David Vinton & Ruth, his wife was born October 9th. 1750.

Abigail Crosby the Daughter of Joseph Crosbey Esqr. & Abigail his wife was born Feb. 23, 1730/31.

Elizabeth Hayward the Daughter of Samuel Hayward & Sarah his wife was born Septemb^{r} the 2^{d}. 1750.

John Orberton ye Son of James Orberton & Mary his wife was born January 17th. 1749.

Mary Bass ye Daughter of Samuel Bass Junr. and Anna his wife was born October 21st. 1750.

Hannah Rawson ye Daughter of Josiah Rawson and Hannah his wife was born September 23^{d}. 1750.

[233] Sarah Thayer the Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife was Born December, 1st. 1750.

Bettee Fenton the Daughter of Thomas Fenton jun^{r}. & Elionar his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 2^{d}. 1750.

Uriah Thayer ye son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife was born December 22^{d}. 1750.

Elihu Faxon, ye Son of Thomas Faxon and Elizabeth his wife was born August, 10th. 1751.

Elisha Marsh, ye son of Alexander Marsh, and Hannah his wife was born Jan^{ry} 11th. 1750.

Sarah Vesey Daughter of Benj^{a}. & Mary Vesey born Apr. 13, 1749.

Lemuel Blancher, ye son of Sam^{ll}. Blancher, & Mary his wife was born October 22^{d}. 1750.

Nathaniel Faxon ye Son of James Faxon & Releaf his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 1750.

Phebe Thayer the Daughter of Peter Thayer and Anne his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 11th. 1750.

Daniel Bradly ye Son of Alexander Bradly & Mary his wife was born February 15th. 1750.

Nathaniel Spear ye son of Samuel Spear juner and Mary his wife was born March 26th. 1751.

Esther Hayden ye Daughter of Samuel Hayden & Esther his wife was born April 22^{d}. 1751.

Experance Niles ye Daughter of John Niles Ter^{us}. & Experance his wife was born Feb^{ry} 11th. 1750

Mary Crosbey the daughter of Joseph Crosbey & ann his wife was born July 16th. 1749.

Joseph Vinton ye son of Thomas Vinten & Mehitabell his wife was born Octob^{r}. 6th. 1751.

William French ye son of Dependance French & Mary his wife was born November, 2^{d}. 1751.

Sam^{ll}. Savel ye son of Sam^{ll}. Savel Junr. & Abigal his wife, was born October 21st. 1751.

Elkanah Wales, son of Nathl. & Anna born Feb^{ry}. 6th. 1751.

Joseph Field ye son of William Field and Sarah his wif was born (as he gave it in &c) January ye 29th. 1719/20.

Susannah Field ye Daughter of s^{d}. Joseph Field & Abigail his wife was born June 10th. 1741.

Joseph Crosbey ye son of Joseph Crosbey & Anne his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 9th. 1750/51.

Abigail Field ye Daughter of Joseph Field & Abigail his wife was born Jan^{ry} 2^{d}. 1746.

Martha Field ye Daughter of Joseph Field & Abigail his wife was born Novemb^{r} 25th. 1747.

Joseph Field, ye Son of Joseph Field & Abigail his wife was born November 29th. 1749.

John Noyce ye son of John Noyce & Sarah his wife was born Augt 11th. 1749.

John Denton ye Son of James Denton & Mary his wife was born March, 20th. 1750.

[234] Joseph Bass ye son of Jedediah Bass & Hannah his wife was born December 28th. 1751.

Silence Thayer, the Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Abigail his wife was born Feb^{ry} 12th. 1745.

David Capen & Jonathan Capen ye twin Sons of Josiah Capen & Charity his wife were Born January the 8th. 1752.

Thomas French ye Son of Thomas French Ter^{us}. & Silance his wife was born March 28th. 1751.

Esther Thayer, ye Daughter of James Thayer & Esther his wife was born May 21st. 1750.

Enoch Thayer the son of Zachariah Thayer & Abigail his wife was born February 8th. 1747.

Lydiah Thayer ye Daughter of Lemuel Thayer, & Ann his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 15th. 1752.

Mary White Daughter of Joseph White & Ruth his wife born Augst. 1st. 1751.

Samuel Allen ye son of Jonathan Allen & Mary his wife was born April 1st. 1751.

Nathaniel Thayer, ye son of Caleb Thayer & Abigail his wife was born April 11th. 1752.

Elizabeth French ye Daughter of Gideon French & Elizabeth his wife was Born June 15th. 1751.

Joseph Allen ye son of Ensn. Thom^{s}. Allen & Mary his wife was born August 17th. 1752.

Elizabeth Thayer ye Daughter of Josiah Thayer & Mary wife was born Septem^{r}. 18th. 1745.

Avis Thayer, the Daughter of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born April 28th. 1751

Releaf Thayer y Daughter of Josiah Thayer and Mary his wife was born March, 21st. 1748.

Elizabeth Thayer, ye Daughter of Josiah Thayer and Mary his wife was born April 7th. 1750.

Josiah Thayer ye son of Josiah Thayer and Mary his wife was Born January 28th. 1752.

Samuel Cheseman ye son of Samuel Cheseman & Mary his wife was born May 6th. 1752.

Ruth Thayer, ye Daughter of Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife was born July 1st. 1752.

Bethiah Thayer the Daughter of Zachariah Thayer and Abigail his wife was born April 22^d. 1748.

Deborah Thayer, ye Daughter of Uriah Thayer and Deborah his wife was born May 25th. 1752.

Alpheus Hayden, ye son of Sam^ll. Hayden & Esther his wife was born June 27th. 1749.

James Thayer the son of James Thayer & Deborah, his wife was born August 28th. 1752.

John Shaw, ye son of John Shaw & Susannah his wife was born July 6th. 1748.

Betty Shaw, ye Daughter of John Shaw & Susanna his wife was born October 5th. 1749.

Hannah Shaw, ye Daughter of John Shaw & Susannah his wife was born June 30th. 1752.

[235] Josiah Rawson ye son of Josiah Rawson & Hannah his wife was born June 8th. 1752.

Hannah White the Daughter of Benjamin White & Mercy his wife was born November 22^d. 1750.

Susannah Thayer ye Daughter of Thomas Thayer & Lydia his wife was born 1752.

John Vesey son of Benja & Mary Vesey born December 12th. 1750

Sarah Brackett ye Daughter of Moses Brackett & Sarah his wife was born May 24th. 1748.

Elizabeth Brackett ye Daughter of Moses Brackett & Sarah his wife was Born November 24th. 1749.

Moses Brackett ye Son of Moses Brackett and Sarah his wife was born

Prudence Houghton ye Daughter of Ebenezer Houghton & Prudence his wife was born October 5th. 1751.

Sam^ll. Clark ye son of Sam^ll. Clark & Sarah his wife was born May 29th. 1748.

Meriam & Betty ye Daughters of Sam^ll. Clark & Sarah his wife were born May the first 1750.

Silas Vesey son of Benja & Mary Vesey born October 29, 1752

Ruth Hayward ye Daughter of Aaron Hayward & Mary his wife was born October 7th. 1752.

Anna Wales, Daughter of Nathaniel & Anna born May 2^d 1753

Dorcas Niles ye Daughter of John Niles & Experance his wife was born Jan^ry. 16th. 1753.

Betty Thayer ye Daughter of Eliakim Thayer & Deborah his wife was born April 10th. 1749, (as by said Eliakim account &c.)

Rachel Tower ye Daughter of John Tower & Rachel his, wife was born January 24th. 1741.

James Tower ye Son of Jno. Tower & Rachel his wife was born December ye 1746.

John Tower ye son of John Tower & Rachel his wife was born May 29th. 1749.

John Tower ye first Son of John Tower & Rachel his wife was born May 1743.

Ebenezer White ye son of William White and Sarah, his wife was born Feb^ry 25th. 1742.

Bette White ye Daughter of Wm White & Sarah his wife was born November 22^d. 1747.

Sarah White ye Daughter of William White & Sarah his wife was born Feb^ry 23^d. 1750.

[236] William White, ye son of William White & Sarah his wife was born May 21st. 1752.

Lydia Thayer ye Daughter of Obediah Thayer & Johannah his wife was born March 21st. 1752.

Ruth Hayden ye Daughter of John Hayden jun^r & Rebeckah his wife was born Decemb^r. 20th. 1749.

Ephraim Jones son of Ephraim & Mary Jones born Septr. 1, 1751.

John Hayden ye son of John Hayden Jun & Marcy his wife was born 13th. 1742.

Luce Thayer ye Daughter of Zebulon Thayer and Sarah his wife was born October 29th. 1747.

Asa Thayer ye son of Zebulon Thayer & Sarah his wife was born Jan^ry 1749.

Elias Thayer ye Son of Zebulon Thayer & Sarah his wife was born May 18th. 1752.

Bettee Field ye Daughter of Joseph Field & Abigail his wife was born Feb^ry 10th. 1752.

Releafe Faxon the Daughter of James Faxon & Releafe his wife was born Janu^ry. 1752.

Nathaniel Thayer the son of Caleb Thayer & Abigail his wife was born April 1752.

John Hollis, the son of John Hollis & Allatheah his wife was born 1752.

John Hollis the son of John Hollis & Allatheah his wife was born February 2^d. 1753.

Elizabeth Vinton y^e. Daughter of David Vinton & Ruth his wife was born Feb^ry 27th. 1752.

Elizabeth Porter ye Daughter of Seth Porter & Abigail his wife was born November 20th. 1751.

Phebe Hayward the Daughter of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife was born October 25th. 1750.

Avis Hayward the Daughter of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife was born 21st. November 1752.

Joshua Wild the Son of Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife was born the 4th. of November 1748.

John Wild, the Son of Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife was born June 3^d. 1751.

[237] Barnabas Clark Son of John Clark & Susanna his wife was born october 22^d. 1749.

Susee Clark Daughter to John Clark & Susanna his wife was, born January 10th. 1751.

Ezekiel Crane the Son of Ebenezer Crane & Elizabeth, his wife was born March 3d. 1753.

William White, the son of William White & Sarah his wife born May 21st. 1752.

Samuel Arnold the son of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah, his wife born November 5th. 1742.

William, Arnold the Son of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah his wife was born August 25th. 1744.

Sarah Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah his wife was born April 11th. 1746.

Bettee Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah his wife was born July 17th. 1748.

Mary Vesey Daughter of Benjamin & Mary Vesey born December 7th. 1754, & Dyed June 21, 1755.

Bethiah Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah his wife was born October 10th. 1750.

Abigail Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold and Bethiah his wife was born Octr. 10th. 1750

Mary Arnold the Daughter of Samuel Arnold and Bethiah his wife was born April 14th. 1752.

Joseph Owen, the son of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife born May 28th. 1751.

John Owen the Son of Joseph Owen & Elizabeth his wife born, February 28th. 1753.

Benjamin Allen Son of Benjamin Allen and Deborah Allen his wife was born Novembr. 20, 1752.
Benjamin Allen from Boston.

John White Son to John White & Ruth his wife was born May 7th. 1751.

Cornelius White Son to John White & Ruth his wife was born October 8th. 1752.

Abigail Thayer Daughter of Zebulon Thayer & Abigail his wife was born June 6th. 1752.

Peter Arnold the Son of Ephraim Arnold and Elizabeth his wife was born May 14, 1753.

Mary Allen the Daughter of Jonathan Allen and Mary his wife born May 15th. 1753.

Reuben Marsh, the son of Alexander Marsh, and Hannah his wife was born, May 30th. 1753.

Lucee Porter the Daughter of Joseph Porter & Ruth his wife born May 25th. 1752.

Anna Vezey the Daughter of Elijah Vezey and Anna his wife born October 29th. 1747.

[238] Elijah Vesey the Son of Elijah Vesey and Anna his wife born March 12th. 1749.

Anna Vesey the Daughter of Elijah Vesey and Anna his wife born September 23d. 1751.

James Thayer the son of James Thayer and Ester his wife born July 15th. 1753.

Eli Hayden the son of Benjamin Hayden and Mary his wife born August 26th. 1752.

Mary Holbrook the Daughter of John Holbrook, and Mary his wife was born Septr 18, September 18, 1753.

Sarah Penniman the Daughter of James Penniman and Dorcas his wife born Septr. 22^{d}. 1753.

Sarah Fenton the Daughter of Thomas Fenton and Eleanor his wife born Feb^{ry} 11th. 1752.

Jonathan Wild, the son of Jonathan Wild and Hannah his wife born Ap^{ll}. 20th. 1753.

Josiah Vinton, the son of Thomas Vinton and Mehitibal his wife born Octr. 13th. 1753

Oliver Thayer the son of Abiah Thayer and Elizabeth his wife born May 27th. 1753.

Ruth Thayer, the Daughter of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife born August 23^{d}. 1753.

Jacob Wales the Son of Joseph Wales and Hannah his wife born 19, Feb^{ry}. 1747/8.

Jemima Clark the Daughter of John Clark and Susannah his wife born May 19th. 1753.

Daniel French, son of Alexander French and Susannah his wife born 1st. July 1753.

Abigal Wales, the Daughter of Joseph Wales and Abigal his wife born 13th. October 1750.

Elisha Wales the Son to Joseph Wales and Abigal his wife born 14th. May 1753.

Jonathan Holbrook son to David Holbrook, and Mary his wife born Novr. 1, 1751.

James Holbrook son to David Holbrook, and Mary his wife born September 25, 1753.

Ruth Spear the Daughter of Daniel Spear and Elizabeth his wife born July 10th. 1753.

Joseph French the son of Thomas French and Silence his wife born Octr. 2nd. 1753.

Philip Thayer the son of James Thayer and Deborah his wife born Novemb^{r}. 11th. 1753.

[239] Patience Thayer the Daughter of Richard Thayer and Elizabeth his wife born Novem^{r} 25, 1752.

Mary Denton the Daughter of James Denton, and Mary his wife born Novemb^{r}. 11th. 1753.

Bethial Savel the Daughter of Samuel Savel and Abigal his wife born October 22^{d}. 1753.

John Thomas the son of John Thomas & Silence his wife born June 16th. 1751.

Mary Thomas the Daughter of John Thomas and Silence his wife born September 21st. 1753.

Daniel White, the son of Daniel White and Betty his wife was born December 27th. 1750.

Rebeccah Feild the Daughter of John Feild and Susannah his wife was born January 20th. 1754.

Mary Feild the Daughter of Joseph Feild and Abigail his wife born February 27th. 1754.

Rachel Thayer the Daughter of Uriah Thayer, and Deborah his wife born February 15th. 1754.

Samuel French the Son of Elijah French and Mary his wife born October 13th. 1753.

Esther Cleverly the Daughter of Mr. Joseph Cleverly and Mrs Esther his wife was born January 28th. 1753.

Randell Thayer the son of Richard Thayer and Susannah his wife was born June 8th. 1753.

Nathaniel Houghton, the son of Ebenezer Houghton and Prudence his wife was born January 18th 1753.

Joseph Porter, the son of Seth Porter and Abigail his wife was born March 19th. 1754.

Samuel the son of Jacob Pain and Rachel his wife was born Novemb^r. 18th. 1753.

Willimam Noyes the son of Samuel Noyes and Jane his wife was born April 27th. 1752.

Elisha Hobart the son of Peter Hobart and Desire his wife was born April 28th. 1752.

Ebenezer Spear the son of John Spear Tert^s. and Mary his wife born January 12th. 1750.

Edward Spear the son of John Spear Tert^s. and Mary his wife born October 2^d. 1751.

Joshua Spear the son of John Spear Tert^s. and Mary his wife born May 11th. 1753.

Hannah Noyes the Daughter of Samuel Noyes and Jane his wife born May 12th 1754.

Elizabeth Wales Daughter of Nath^ll. & Ann born Apr. 13, 1755.

[240] Moses Taft the son of the Rev^d. Mr Moses Taft and Mrs. Mary his wife was born June 10th. 1754.

Bettee Thayer, the Daughter of Abraham Thayer, & Sarah his wife was born, July 28th. 175

Rachel French, the Daughter of Gideon French, & Elizabeth his wife born April 19th. 1753.

Hannah Hayward the Daughter of Samuel Hayward & Sarah his wife born March 23^d. 1754.

Simeon Rawson the son of Josiah Rawson and Hannah his wife born January 28th. 1754.

Ann Savil the Daughter of Doct^r. Elisha Savil and Mrs Ann his wife born May 17th. 1754.

Thomas Hayward the son of John Hayward and Silence his wife was born May 21st. 1754.

William Porter the son of Jonathan Porter & Hannah his wife was born September 19th. 1743.

Jonathan Porter, son of Jonathan Porter & Hannah his wife was born March 12th. 1746.

Hannah Porter, the Daughter of Jonathan Porter and Hannah his wife born April 4th. 1748.

Sarah Porter, the Daughter of Jonathan Porter and Hannah his wife was born February 21st. 1750.

John Porter, the son of Jonathan Porter & Hannah his wife was born December 28th. 1751.

Jabez Porter son of Jonathan Porter and Hannah his wife born September the 20th. N. S. 1753

Susannah Allen the Daughter of Thomas Allen and Mary his wife born Octr. 1st. 1754.

Azariah Faxon the son of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born June 18th. 1754.

Ruth Cheesman the Daughter of Samll. Cheesman & Mary his wife born Novr. 2d. 1754.

Elizabeth Thayer the Daughter of Abia Thayer and Elizabeth his wife born April 12th. 1754.

Hannah Hayward the Daughter of Aaron Hayward & Mary his wife born August 7th. 1754.

Lucy Lambert the Daughter of Luke Lambert & Rachel his wife born July 1st. 1754.

Hannah Beal the Daughter of Benja. Beal & Abigal his wife born September 17th. 1748.

Mary Beal the Daughter of Benjamin Beal & Abigail his wife born July 15th. 1750.

Nathaniel Beal, the son of Benja. Beal & Abigail his wife born January 30th. 1753.

Abigail Thayer, the daughter of Eliakim Thayer & Deborah his wife born October 16th. 1751.

[241] Nathaniel Adams, the son of Samuel Adams, & Sarah his wife born January 19th. 1755.

Elizabeth Crane the Daughter of Ebenezer Crane & Elizabeth his wife born March 16th. 1755.

Samuel White, the son of William & Sarah White born April 16th. 1754.

Samuel Wild the son of Samuel Wild & Susannah his wife born November 11th. 1741.

Susannah Wild the Daughter of Samuel Wild & Susannah his wife born November 8th. 1743.

Abigail Wild the Daughter of Samll. Wild & Susannah his wife born November 2d. 1750.

Daniel Wild the son of Samuel Wild and Susannah, his wife born February 25th. 1753.

Micah Porter the son of Benjamin Porter and Mercy his wife born April 26th. 1745.

Eli Porter the son of Benjamin Porter & Mercy his wife was born March 26th. 1747.

Ruth Porter, the Daughter of Benja. Porter & Mercy his wife was born October 26th. 1748.

William Porter the son of Benja. Porter & Mercy his wife born August 15th. 1750.

Job Porter the son of Benja Porter & Mercy his wife born April 24th. 1753.

Seth Porter the son of Benja Porter and Mercy his wife born February 6th. 1755.

Samuel Spear the Son of Samll. Spear & Mary his wife born November 16th. 1753.

Jacob Whitcomb the son of Noah Whitcomb & Mary his wife was born June 14th. 1750.

David Whitcomb Son to Noah Whitcomb & Mary his wife born December 14th. 1751

Sarah Whitcomb Daughter of Noah Whitcomb & Mary his wife born August 17, 1753.

Sarah French the Daughter of Thomas French, & Silence his wife born February 20th. 1755.

Jacob Allen the Son of Abijah Allen & Ruth his wife was born December 23d. 1754.

Silas Hayward the son of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife born November 30th. 1754.

Susannah Thayer the Daughter of Christopher Thayer & Mary his wife born April 5th. 1755.

[242] Hannah Holbrook the daughter of Ickabod Holbrook and Hannah his wife born December the fifth 1751.

Thomas Holbrook the son of Ickabod Holbrook & Hannah his wife born Octr. 7th. 1754.

Persis Hayden, Daughter of Benja & Mary born Dec. 1, 1754.

John Hobart the son of Caleb Hobart & Elizabeth his wife was born April 26th. 1755.

Nathaniel Thayer the son of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born March 4th. 1754.

Elizabeth Ludden the Daughter of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born August 16, 1751.

Joseph Ludden the son of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born October 25th. 1753.

Nathaniel Thayer the son of Nathaniel Thayer and Mary his wife born April 18th. 1754.

Mary Thayer the Daughter of Zebulon Thayer & Abigail his wife born October 12th. 1754.

Barnabas Thayer the son of James Thayer & Esther his wife born March 13th. 1755.

Elizabeth Cleverly, the Daughter of Mr. Joseph Cleverly & Esther his wife born March 31, 1755.

Samuel Savel the Son of Samuel Savel & Abigail his wife was born May 4th. 1755.

Eunice Allen the Daughter of Jonathan Allen & Mary his wife born June 28th. 1755.

Mehetibel Capen the Daughter of Christopher & Abigail his wife born May 20, 1755.

Joseph Bryant the Son of the Reved. Mr. Lemuel Bryant & Mrs. Abigail his wife born Nov. 23, 1751.

Elisha Blancher, the son of Samuel Blancher, & Mary his wife born Augst. 17th. 1752.

Mary Blancher the Daughter of Samuel Blancher, & Mary his wife born February 14th. 1754.

Charity Capen Daughter to Josiah Capen & Charity his wife born September 14th. 1754.

Hannah Wild Daughter to Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife born April 26th. 1755.

Jacob Spear son to Samuel Spear & Mary his wife born Octr. 8th. 1755.

[243] Elijah French, son of Samuel & Mary French born February 10th. 1755.

William Bass, the Son of Samuel Bass & Anna his wife born July 19th. 1755.

Eleazer Taft, the son of the Rev^{ed}. Mr. Moses Taft & Mrs Mary his wife born October 11th. 1755.

Lydia Bucknam the Daughter of Jacob Bucknam & Lydia his wife born Feb. 27th. 1755.

Lydia Thayer the daughter of Josiah & Mary Thayer born Oct. 5, 1754.

Ebenezer Hayden son of Ebenezer Hayden & Elizabeth his wife born March 7th. 1755.

Deborah Man the daughter of Seth Man & Elizabeth his wife born April 1th. 1746.

Seth Man the son of Seth Man & Elizabeth his wife born December 3^{d}. 1747.

Benjamin Man the son of Seth Man & Elizabeth his wife born February 10th. 1751.

Ephraim Man the son of Seth Man & Elizabeth his wife born April 3^{d}. 1752.

Bette Man the Daughter of Seth Man & Elizabeth his wife born October 20th. 1753.

Enos Man the son of Seth Man and Elizabeth, his wife born March 20th. 1755.

Samuel French, the son of Samuel French & Mary his wife born, Jan^{ry} 18th. 1755.

Ruth Niles the Daughter of Isaac Niles & Ruth his wife born September 10th. 1755.

Alice Thayer the Daughter of Caleb Thayer, & Abigail his wife born Augst. 18th. 1755.

Mary Thayer the Daughter of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born October 7th. 1755.

James Lambert the son of Luke Lambert & Rachel his wife born November 23^{d}. 1755.

Jemima Feild the Daughter of John Feild, & Susannah his wife born December 11th. 1755.

Dorcas Faxon the Daughter of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born Jan^{ry} 8th. 1756.

Micah Wild the son of Micah Wild & Rachel his wife was born Augst. 1st. 1755.

Releaf Clark the Daughter of John Clark & Susannah his wife born January 6th. 1756.

Daniel Thayer the son of Daniel & Ruth Thayer born Septr. 9th. 1756.

Mary Adams the Daughter of Bilestone Adams & Molly his wife born Feb^{ry} 9th. 1755.

Eunice Hayden the daughter of Samuel Hayden & Esther his Wife born May 30th. 1756.

Sarah Noyes the Daughter of Samuel Noyes & Jane his wife born May 29th. 1756.

Silence French the Daughter of Dependance French & Mary his wife born Novr. 14th. 1756.

Ann Ludden, the Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born Febry. 23d. 1748.

Asa Ludden the son of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born February 8th. 1750.

Esther Ludden, the Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born Augst. 9th. 1752.

Eli Ludden the son of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born June 3d. 1753.

Daniel Ludden the son of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born May 3d. 1755, decsd.

Bethiah Ludden the Son of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born Dec. 9, 1755.

Mary Wales Thayer, the Daughter of Thomas Thayer & Lidia his wife born May 30, 1756.

David Arnold & Jonathan Arnold Twin sons of Samuel Arnold & Bethiah his wife were born January 4th. 1756.

Joseph Porter the son of Joseph Porter & Ruth his wife was born June 22d. 1754.

Sarah Faxon the Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Anna his wife born Octr. 7th. 1754.

Daniel Wade, the son of John Wade & Hannah his wife born Octr. 13th. 1753.

Silvanus Wade the Son of John Wade & Hannah his wife born October 21st. 1755.

Joseph Hollis the son of John Hollis & Allethea his wife born December 25th. 1755.

Hannah Penniman the Daughter of James Penniman & Dorcas his wife born Augst. 19th. 1756.

Judith Porter the Daughter of Seth Porter, & Abigail his wife born September 8th. 1756.

Jonathan Wales, the Son of Jonathan Wales & Rachel his wife born Septr. 23d. 1756.

Alexander French the son of Alexander French, & Susannah his wife was born Augst. 9th. 1756.

Enoch Hayden the son of Enoch Hayden & Amy his wife born Feb. Janry 23d. 1756.

Timothy French, the son of Thomas French, & Silence his wife born Febry 1757.

Silas Thayer the son of Hezekiah Thayer & Christian his wife born July 20th. 1742.

Noah Thayer, the son of Hezekiah Thayer & Christian his wife born July 11th. 1745.

[245] Mary Greenleaf the Daughter of Joseph Greenleaf & Abigail his wife born Febry. 5th. 1757.

Solomon White the son of John White & Ruth born Aug. 30th. 1754.

Martha Cleverly the Daughter of Joseph Cleverly & Esther his wife born April 30th. 1757.

Hittee Holbrook the Daughter of David Holbrook & Mary his wife born Augst. 12th. 1755.

John White the son of John White & Ruth his wife born May the sixth 1756.

Elizabeth Hayward the Daughter of John Hayward & Silence his wife born Febry. 15th. 1756.

Peter Niles the Son of John Niles & Experience his wife was born November 20th. 1755.

Rachel Hayward the Daughter of Aaron Hayward & Mary his wife born June 13th. 1756.

Alexander Hayden the son of Ebenezer Hayden and Elizabeth his wife was born September 11th. 1756

Mercy Brackett, the Daughter of Captn. Richard Brackett & Mary his wife born Janry 4th. 1756.

Calvin Thayer the son of Nathaniel Thayer & Mary his wife born July 15th. 1756.

Samuel Miller Thayer the son of Captn. Ebenezer Thayer & Rebeccah his wife born Novr. 27th. 1756.

Edward Willard Baxter the son of Daniel Baxter & Prudence his wife born Apll. 17th. 1756.

David Linsfield the son of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born October 19th. 1752.

Samuel Linsfield the son of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born April 28th. 1755.

Solomon Thayer the son of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born September 10th. 1755.

Jonathan Hayward the son of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife born June 8th. 1748.

Margery Haward, the Daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife born Febry 16th. 1750.

Lois Hayward the Daughter of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife born Augst. 18th. 1752.

Daniel Hayward the son of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife born Octr. 13th. 1754.

John Whitcomb the Son of Noah Whitcomb & Mary his wife born April 2d. 1756.

Seth Turner, the son of Seth Turner & Rebeccah his wife born November 26th. 1756.

Henry Thayer the son of Richard Thayer, & Esther his wife born October 28th. 1756.

Abraham Thayer the son of Abraham Thayer & Sarah his wife born Apll. 30th. 1757.

Stephen Hayward the Son of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife was born Janry. 15th. 1757.

Mehitabel Brackett the Daughter of Capt. Richard Brackett & Mary his wife born Janry 25, 1757

Sarah White the Daughter of Benjamin White & Mercy his wife born February, 14, 1753.

[246] Margeret Thayer, the Daughter of Noah Thayer & Margeret his wife born Feby. 8th. 1757.

Esther, French the Daughter of Elisha French & Mary his wife born, February 10th. 1757, died Aug. 3, 1760

Priscilla Hayden the Daughter of Enoch Hayden & Amy his wife born April 27th. 1757.

Samuel Bass, the Son of Jonathan Bass & Susannah his wife was born May 15th. 1757.

Ebenezer Denton the son of James Denton & Mary his wife born February, 6th. 1757.

Caleb Thayer, the son of Zebulon Thayer and Abigail his wife born May 23^{d}. 1757.

Mary Adams, the Daughter of Peter Adams & Elizabeth his wife, born Jan^{ry}. 5th. 1757.

Lucy Savil the Daughter of Samuel Savil & Abigail his wife born Feb^{ry}. 25th. 1757.

Samuel Noyes, the son of John Noyes & Jane his wife was born, June 28th. 1757.

Mary Thayer, the Daughter of James Thayer, & Esther his wife born March 29th. 1757.

Elizabeth Peacock the Daughter of Robert Peacock, & Elizabeth his wife born June 24th. 1757.

Samuel White Thayer the son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born June 4th. 1757.

Samuel Crane the Son of Ebenezer Crane & Elizabeth his wife born June 20th. 1757.

Asa Wild the son of Randall Wild & Jerusha his wife was born February 25th. 1757.

Timothy Field the son of John Field & Susannah his wife born Septr. 16th. 1757.

Nathaniel French the son of David French, & Mehitable his wife born July 19th. 1756.

Hannah Linsfield the Daughter of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born Octr. 13, 1757.

Simeon Thayer son of Simeon Thayer & Martha born March 7th. 1757.

Noah Cheesman the son of Samuel Cheesman & Mary his wife born April 28th. 1757.

Ruth Hunt the daughter of Benjamin Hunt & Sarah his wife born June 22^{d}. 1757.

Thomas Faxon the son of Thomas Faxon & Anna his wife born Octr. 21st. 1757.

Joseph Vesey the son & Mary Vesey the Daughter of Benjamin Vesey & Mary his wife were born May the 17th. 1756.

Mary Porter the Daughter of Joseph Porter & Ruth his wife born Jan^{ry} 7th. 1758.

Hannah Fenton, the Daughter of Thomas Fenton & Eleanar his wife born March 8th. 1754.

Joseph Fenton Son of Thomas Fenton & Eleanar his wife born December, 17th. 1756.

[247] Susannah Thayer, the Daughter of Richard Thayer & Susannah his wife born June 9th. 1754.

Rhoda Thayer the Daughter of Richard Thayer, & Susannah his wife born Septr. 9th. 1755.

Richard Thayer the son of Richard Thayer, & Susannah his wife born Septr. 13th. 1757.

Caleb French, the son of Moses French & Elizabeth his wife born December 15th. 1757.

Benjamin Fenton the son of Thomas Fenton & Eleanor his wife born November 13th. 1757.

Elizabeth Quincy the Daughter of Josiah Quincy, Esqr. & Mrs Elizabeth his wife, born December 27, 1757

Abigail Allen, the Daughter of Abijah Allen & Ruth his wife born March 18th. 1757.

William Penniman the son of William Penniman & Sarah his wife born February 17th. 1756.

John Bass, the son of Benjamin Bass, & Mary his wife born January 22d. 1757.

Priscilla Faxon the Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife was born July 27th. 1750.

Sarah Ludden the Daughter of Hezekiah Ludden & Mehitibel his wife born April 19th. 1752.

Enoch Ludden, the son of Hezekiah Ludden & Mehetibel his wife born February 10th. 1754.

Mehetibel Ludden the Daughter of Hezekiah Ludden & Mehetibel his wife born June 17th. 1756.

James Penniman the son of William Penniman & Sarah his wife born December 23d. 1757.

Bartholomew Thayer, the son of Peter Thayer & Anna his wife born July 15th. 1757.

Joseph Taft the son of the Revd. Mr. Moses Taft & Mrs. Mary his wife born Augst. 15th. 1757.

Mary Niles the Daughter of Isaac Niles & Ruth his wife born July 6th. 1757.

Timothy Thayer Son of Josiah Thayer & Mary his wife was born June 8th. 1757.

Edward Willard Baxter son of Daniel Baxter & Prudence his wife born Apll. 17th. 1756.

Daniel Baxter son of Daniel Baxter and Prudence his wife born March 1st. 1758.

Asa French, the Son of Samuel French & Mary his wife born May 3thd. 1757.

Sarah Wild the Daughter of Silas Wild & Ruth his wife born February 23d. 1758.

Susannah & Elizabeth Vesey Twin Daughters of Benjamin Vesey & Mary his wife born Octr. 29, 1758, both soon deceased.

Lydia Harman the Daughter of William Harman & Lydia his wife born March, 23d. 1757.

[248] Ruth Thayer the Daughter of Atherton Thayer & Ruth his wife was born July 11th. 1758.

Mary Hayden, the Daughter of Benjamin Hayden & Mary his wife born, Feb^{ry}. 14th. 1757.

Susannah French, the Daughter of Thomas French & Silence his wife born Augst. 30th. 1758.

Job White the son of William White & Sarah his wife born June 23^{thd}. 1758.

Jacob Hayden, the son of Ebenezer Hayden & Elizabeth his wife born June 16th. 1758.

Benjamin Ludden the son of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born August 25th. 1758.

Mary Bass, the Daughter of Benjamin Bass, & Mary his wife born Septr. 19th. 1758.

Rebecca Harman the Daughter of William Harman & Lydia his wife born Novr. 18th. 1758.

Susanna Savil, Daughter of Doct^{r}. Elisha Savil & Ann his wife born May 12th. 1756.

Sarah Wild, the Daughter of Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife was born Septr. 10th. 1757.

Deborah Thayer, the Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born March 9th. 1757.

William Thayer the son of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born March, 8th. 1759.

Thomas Bass, the son of Daniel Bass & Molley his wife born Feb^{ry}. 1st. 1759.

Sarah Hayward, the Daughter of Joseph Hayward & Sarah his wife born February 3^{d}. 1759.

Isabella Cleverly the Daughter of Mr. Joseph Cleverly & Esther his wife born Feb^{ry}. 28th. 1759.

Sarah Thomas the Daughter of John Thomas & Silence his wife born May 12th. 1755.

Hannah Jones Daughter of Ephraim Jones & Mary his wife born Feb^{ry}. 19th. 1755.

Bettee Jones Daughter of Ephraim Jones & Mary his wife born June 13th. 1758.

Joseph Dyer Billings the son of Edmand Billings & Theodora his wife born March 23^{d}. 1759.

Levi Wild, the son of Randall Wild, & Jerusha his wife born Augst. 23^{d}. 1758.

David Thayer, the son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born January 18th. 1759.

[249] Isaac Niles the son of Isaac Niles & Ruth his wife born May 31st 1759.

Phebe Fenton, the Daughter of Thomas Fenton & Eleanor his wife born March 22^{d}. 1759.

Relief Thayer the daughter of Abraham Thayer & Sarah his wife Born April 18th. 1759.

Rebecca Thayer the Daughter of Capt Eben Thayer Junr. & Rebecca his wife born Augst. 6th. 1758.

Caleb Hayden the son of Enoch Hayden & Amy his wife born May 17th 1759.

Edward Savil the son of Doct^{r}. Elisha Savil & Ann his wife born May 30th. 1759.

Samuel Curtis the son of Samuel Curtis & Elizabeth his wife born May 18th. 1759

Nathaniel Wales, son of Nathaniel Wales & Ann his wife born February 8th. 1757.

Mary Taft the Daughter of the Rev^{d}. Mr. Moses Taft & Mrs Mary his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 20, 1759.

Joseph Adams the son of Ebenezer Adams & Mehitabel his wife born August 21st. 1759.

Francis Faxon the son of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born July 3^{thd}. 1759.

Abigail Blancher, the Daughter of Ephraim Blancher, & his wife born July 3^{d}. 1759.

Moses Whitcomb the son of Noah Whitcomb, & Mary his wife born April 8th. 1759.

Moses Jones, the Son of Moses Jones & Sarah his wife born May 30th. 1759.

Moses Thayer, the son of Richard Thayer & Esther his wife born July 26th. 1758.

Ruth Faxon, the Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife was born Octr. 29th. 1752.

Thomas Faxon, son of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 19, 1755.

Jacob Allen Faxon son of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife was born Septr. 25th. 1757.

Joanna Faxon, Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife born Jan^{ry}. 22^{d} 1759.

[250] Daniel Ludden the son of Benj^{a} Ludden & Esther his wife born Septr. 6th. 1759.

Susannah Taft, Daughter of the Rev^{d}. Mr Moses Taft & Mary his wife born July 23^{d}. 1760.

Jonathan Wild the son of Silas Wild & Ruth, his wife born, December, 4th. 1759.

Isaiah Thayer the son of Richard Thayer, & Esther his wife was born Novr. 10th. 1760.

Ezra Penniman the son of William Penniman & Sarah his wife born April 27th. 1760.

John Thayer, the son of Josiah Thayer & Mary his wife born August 8th. 1759.

Joseph French, the son of Elijah French & Mary his wife born March 11th. 1760.

Mehitable Adams the Daughter of Ebenezer Adams & Mehitable his wife born Decr. 21^{rt}. 1760.

Randel Wild the Son of Randel Wild & Jerusha his wife born June 14th. 1760.

Josiah Hayden the son of Josiah Hayden & Rahamah his wife born January 9th. 1760.

Abner Thayer, the son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born September 28th. 1760.

Benjamin Hayden son of Benja Hayden & Mary his wife born Novr. 22^{d}. 1759.

Benjamin Wales, son of Nathaniel Wales & Ann his wife born June 5th. 1759.

[251] Samuel Wales the son of Jonathan & Rachel his wife born Septr. 30th. 1760.

Hannah Bass, the Daughter of Benjamin Bass & Mary his wife born June 16th. 1760.

Jotham French the son of Thomas French & Silence his wife born Septr. 23^{thd} 1760.

Hannah Cheesman the Daughter of Samuel Cheesman & Mary his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 5th. 1760.

Molley Bass, the Daughter of Daniel Bass & Mary his wife born Jan^{ry} 16th. 1761.

Martha French the Daughter of Dependance French & Mary his wife born Feb^{ry} 14th. 1759

Olive French the Daughter of Dependance French & Mary his wife was born April 5th. 1760.

Catharine Cleverly the Daughter of Joseph Cleverly & Esther his wife born January 9th. 1761.

Samuel Miller Thayer the son of Capt Eben^{r}. Thayer & Rebecca his wife born April 19th. 1761.

Sarah Harman the Daughter of William Harman & Lydia born June 11th. 1760.

Rachel Thayer the Daughter of Atherton Thayer & Ruth his wife born Octr. 27th. 1760.

Jacob Denton, the son of James Denton & Mary his wife born Augst. 6th. 1760.

Eunice Wild the Daughter of Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife born Feb^{ry} 28th. 1760.

Susannah Lambert the Daughter of Luke Lambert & Rachel his wife born Septr. 25th. 1759.

Benjamin Lambert the son of Luke Lambert & Rachell his wife born July 22^{d}. 1761

Silas French, the Son of David French & Mehitable his wife born Feb^{ry} 13th. 1761.

[252] Edmund Billings the son of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife born July 30th. 1761

Lucy Noyes, the Daughter of John Noyes & Jane his wife born July 17th. 1761.

Ruth Ludden, the Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born July 23^{d}. 1761.

Esther French the Daughter of Elisha French & Mary his wife born November 3^{d}. 1761.

Susannah Vesey, Daughter of Benjamin Vesey & Mary his wife born Augst. 4th. 1760.

Naomi & Ruth Thayer the twin Daughters of Zebulun Thayer & Abigail his wife were born July 5th. 1761.

Benjamin Allen son of Benj^{a} Allen & Deborah his wife born Septr. 2^{d}. & died Oct. 14, 1761

Lucretia Savil Daughter of Doct^{r}. Elisha Savil & Ann his wife born Aug. 21st. 1761.

Sarah Ludden, the Daughter of Joseph Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born March 21st 1761

John Niles the son of Jonathan Niles & Sarah his wife born Octr. th22^{d}. 1761.

[Publishments.]

[253] April 12th. 1728. Amos Stetson entered his name and of Marriage intention with Margret Thayer, who were published accordingly the Sabbath following Apr 14 & had a certificate.

July 6th. Mr. Gregory Baxter with Mis Mary Wilson, entered in order to publication & were duly published & had Certificate.

July 13th. Mr. Abijah Adams of Boston with ms Hannah Cleverly of this town. Entered, were duly published & had certificate

Aug. 30th. Bliss Tolman of Stoughton, with Mary Beal of this Town entered, &c, who were published accordingly & had certificate

Likewise James Penniman with Dorcas Vinton entered &c & had certificate

Septr. 7th. Joseph Ady of Bristol & Ruth Belcher of this town entered &c. were published accordingly & had certificate.

Octob: 2 Mr. Joseph Ruggles & Ms Hannah Twels, entered &c. who were published & had certificate.

Octob 12, Benjamin Thayer & Hannah Vinton, entered &c were published and had a certificate.

Nov. 23^{d}. Thomas Vickery of Milton & Elizabeth Heyden of this Town entered &c.

Nov. 30th William Smith of Norton and Sarah Reed of this town entered.

Decr. 21, Robert Lemont & Hannah Spear entered &c & January 8th. had a certificate

also, John Niles Junr. of this town and Dorothy Reynolds of Middleborough entered &c & January 7th. had their certificate.

Decr. 28th. John Hayward of Mendon & Hannah Baxter of this town entered &c. & Feb: 4th. had a certificate.

Likewise, Mr Edward Adams of Milton and Ms Sarah Bracket of this Town, entered &c & Jan: 22^{d} had a Certificate.

Feb: 15th. [1729] Samuel Smith of Easton and Mary Read of this Town, entered &c. & March 17th had a Certificate.

March 7th. Ebenezer Adams of Braintree and Anne Boylston of Brookline entered &c & had a certificate.

Edward Curtiss of Stoughton and Hannah Hayward of this town, entered &c.

[256] 1755, Augst. 27th. Peter Etter & Elizabeth Vesey both of this Town, enter^{d}. their names for marriage

September 19th. Daniel Baxter & Prudence Spear Entered &c.

Septr 26th Randell Wild & Jerusha Thayer both of this Town entered

October 18th. Mr. Ebenezer Thayer Junr. of this Town and Mrs Rebeccah Miller of Milton enterd. &c.

Octr. 18th. William Penniman Junr. & Sarah Wild both of this town entered.

31st. Peter Adams & Elizabeth Rawson both of this town entered.

Nov. 1st. Doct. Cotton Tufts of Weymouth & Mrs Lucy Quincy of Braintree entered their Intention of Marriage

Novr. 8th. Atherton Thayer & Ruth Hobart both of this town, entered

15 Samuel Briggs of Tanton & the widow Ann Nash of this town entered, &c.

28th. Benjamin Bass & Mary Brackett both of this Town entered for Marriage.

22d. John Hennerick Hardwicg & Katherina Hartman both of this town Entered

8 Ebenezr Newcomb & Jemima Allen both of this Town.

Decr. 6th. Elisha French & Mary Ludden both of this Town enterd.

8 Winter Boson, of Dorchester & Rebecca Capen of this Town Enterd.

1756, Janry 24, Isaac Allen & Hannah Hayward both of this Town, Enterd. for marriage.

24th. Jonathan Bass, & Susannah Belcher both of this Town entered &c.

26th. Mr. Josiah Quincy of this Town & Miss Elizabeth Waldron of Boston entered their Intention of Marriage &c.

Feb. 13th. Robert Peacock & Elizabeth Crane both of this town enterd.

14th. Moses Spear & Catherine Jones both of this town entered for marriage &.

Mar. 27th. Joseph Tower & Elizabeth Arnold born of this Town Enterd.

May 21st. Moses French Junr. & Elizabeth Hobart both of this town entered &c.

May 29th. William Harman & Lydia Faxon both of this town entered.

June 19th. Josiah Hayden & Ruhamah Thayer both of this town entd.

June 19th. Caleb Hayden & Mary Dewsbury Gibson both of this town entered

20 David French of this Town & Mehitibel Pratt of Bridgwater entered for marriage.

Aug 7th. Silas Wild & Ruth Thayer both of this Town entered.

Sept 26th Benjamin Fesenden & Hannah Lash both of this town enterd.

Elisha Thatcher of Barnstable and Abigail Webb of this town enterd their intention of marriage

Daniel Belcher & Sarah Wild, both this town.

[254] 1757 Gideon Thayer & Zipporah Curtis of this town entered their intention of marriage.

March, Hopestill Bradley of this town & Abigail Kelton of Milton entered.

Apr^{ll}. 20 Samuel Bass & Abigail Turner entered
Augst. Thomas Witherton of Castle W^{m}. & Sarah Dyer of this town entered
Septr. David Horton, of Milton & Desire Smith of this town & Philip Smith of this town & Mary Horton of Milton entered.
Sept 3^{d}. Joseph Spear, & Bethiah Penniman both of this town entered their intentions of Marriage.
Daniel Hayden Junr. & Rachel Hayden both of this town.
Novr 10th. Samuel Trask, & Abigail Pray both of this town
19 Daniel Bass & Molley Wales, both of this town.
28th Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth Mills both of this town
Feb. 25th. 1758 Sam^{ll} Prat of Bridgwater & Nabbe Hobart of this town entered &c
March 13th. Joseph Ruggles, Pain & Mehitable Gillings both of this town entered
Ap^{ll}. 4th. Nathaniel Capen, & Deborah Curtis both of this town entered.
Ap^{ll} 6th. Josiah Lincoln of Hingham, & Mary Holbrook of this town
William Hayden & Anna Spear both of this town entered.
May 6th. Bliss Tolman of Stoughton & Susannah French of this town.
Samuel Curtis of this town & Elizabeth Blancher of Weymouth.
June 5th Ebenezer Vesey & Mary Miller both of this town en^{d}.
10 Samuel Nash, of this town & Kezia Orcut of Weymouth.
25 George Hunt & Lydia Stevens both of this town.
John White a mariner & Hannah Copeland of this town.
3 Samuel Belcher & Sarah Wales both of this Town.
5 Samuel Bass & Alice Spear both of this Town
6 Moses Brackett of this town & Mary Jones of Hull enter^{d}.
Seth Baxter & Eleanor Allen, both of this town.
24, Ebenezer Adams & Mehitabel Spear both of this town.
28 Joseph Wild & Rachel Hollis both of this town.
5 Samuel Hayward & Lois Tolman both of this town.
3 David Smith a Resident of this Town & Sarah Downing.
2^{d}. Noah Hayward & Sarah Niles both of this town.
14 Nathaniel Gallop, & Hannah Savel both of this town.
15 1759 Joseph Lovell & Susanah Thayer both of this town.
15 Elijah Belcher of this Town & Mary Peirce of Milton.
23^{d}. John Hunt & Rebecca Pain both of this town entere^{d} their intention.
William Badcock, of Milton & Susannah Niles of this Town.
24. Jonathan Tant & Anna Brackett both of this town.
Ap 5 John Trask a Resident & Mary Merriam of this town.
21 Richard Spear & Elizabeth White both of this town.
May 9th. Toney & Lois negro servants of Joseph Crosbey Esqr. of this Town Entered by their masters order.
26 William Bowditch & Susannah Allen both of this town enter^{d}.
June 30th Benjamin French Junr. & Judith Baxter both of this Town, en^{d}.
July 13th. Elijah French & Mary Clark both of this Town entrd.

Aug 3d. Daniel Kingman of Bridgwater & Abigail Copeland of this town.
Sept Joseph Tower, & ye widow Hannah Jones both of this town enterd
15 Joseph Wild & Mehitable Doubledee both of this town, enterd.
28 Nathan Spear of this town & Rebecca Howard of Boston enterd.
28 Silas Lovel & Rachel Tower, both of this town entered.
Joseph Steel & Carlot Hartwick both of this town.
Joseph Crane & Molley Savil both of this town.
1760 Caleb Bayley of Scituate & Phillippa Peaks.
[257] 1749, Octobr 23d. gave ye Selectmen a list of the polls for ye present year to sometime in Augt. vizt of heads to Augt. 1733.
1757, Jany. 17 James Faxon Entered his mark with which is a slit in the Right ear.
had (as . . . . was born the 3d Day of may
Gideon white (so called) was born in this Town at Elkanah Wales the 26 Day of January 1714, whose mother is unknown.
William Gammon (so called) was born at said Elkanah wales of Joanna Barnat, the 26th. Day of April 1715.
John Meclew, son of Sarah Thomas was born 11th. Day of May 1725
Samson a Malatto, a servant that lives with Cornelius Thayer Junior, was born the 16th. Day of June 1721.

The following is copied from a Book in the keeping of the Town Clerk of Braintree, transcribed by S. D. Hayden agreeable to a vote of the Town

"The following births to John Nucome page 11, are taken from the copy of Hon. J. Q. Adams, the original not to be found."
Susanna Francis daughter of John & Rosa his wife, born 12 mo. 4, 1658.
Dorothy Downam daughter of John & Dorothy born, 15. 1. 1657/8.
Samuel Goold son of Francis & Rosa his wife born 12. 6. 1658
Martha Puffer, daughter of James & Mary born 28. 10. 1658.
Hanna Harman daughter of Nathaniel & Mary born 28. 11. 1658.
Experince Thayer, daughter of Thomas & Hanna born 15. 12. 1658.
Sarah Fackson, daughter of Richard & Elizabeth, born 13. 1. 1659.
Samuel Speer son of George & Mary, born 16. 11. 1658.
Mary Kingly, daughter of Samuel & Hanna, born 1 mo. 3. 1658.
Abigail Elliot daughter of Francis & Mary born 12 mo. 11. 1658.
Abigail Addams, daughter of Jos. & Abigail born 27. 12. 1658.
Sarah George, daughter of Peter & Mary born 4 mo. 3. 1658.
Sara Shed daughter of Daniel & Mary born 30. 8. 1658
Mary Marsh, daughter of Alexander & Mary, born 21. 12. 1658.
John Copland daughter of Laurence & Liddia born 12 mo. 10. 1658.
James & Rebecca son & daughter of James Mycall & Mary born.
Samuel Arnold, son of Samuel & Rebecca

Ruth Brackett daughter of Peter & Priscilla born 9 mo. 23. 1660.
Samuel Kingley, son of Samuel & Hanna born 11. 11. 1660.
Sarah Harbour, Daughter of John & Jael his wife born 12 mo. 8. 1660.
Hannah Haidon daughter of John & Hanna born 11. 3. 1660.
David Thayer, son of Farthenando & Hulda born 4 mo 20. 1660.
Samuel Newcomb, son of John & Ruth born 12. 25. 1660.
Rachel Sheffield daughter of William & Mary born 3 mo. 24. 1660.
Samuel Webb, son of Christopher & Hanna born 6. 6. 1660
John Payne, the son of Moses & Elizabeth born 2 mo. 6. 1660
Joseph Belcher, the son of John & Sarah, born 12 mo. 23d.
Hanna Baxter, daughter of John & Anna born 3 mo. 6. 1660.
Lydia Copland daughter of Laurence & Lydia born 3. 31. 1661.
Isaac Thayer, the son of Thomas & Hanna born 3. 31. 1661.
Abigail Woodland, daughter of John & Martha born 3 mo. 5. 1661.
John Chapin, the son of Josiah & Mary born 4 mo. 11. 1661.
Nathaniel Mott, the son of Nathaniel & Hanna born 6. 30. 1661.
Joseph Holbrook, son of Thomas & Joanna born 2. mo. 10. 1660.
Joanna Fackson, daughter of Thomas & Deborah, born 7. 20. 1660.
Mary Roch, daughter of William & Jael, born 10. 18 — 1661.
Sarah Neale, daughter, of Henry & Hannah, born 10. 20. 1661.
John & Bethias Adams son & daughter of Joseph & Abigail born 10 mo. 20. 1661.
Anna Quinsy daughter of Edmond & Joanna born 1 mo. 10. 1662.
Hannah Mash, daughter of Alexander & Mary, born 1 mo. 1662.
Richard Chapman, son of Richard & Mary, born 1 mo. 24. 1662.
John Belcher, son of John & Sarah born 1 mo. 10. 1662, & died 11 same month.
Sarah Payn, daughter of Moses & Elizabeth born 3 mo.
Freelove Thayer, daughter of Shadrack & Deliverance born 4 mo. 30. 1662.
Thomas Faxon, the son of Richard & Elizabeth, born, 6. 2. 1662.
Mary Chapin, daughter of Josiah & Mary, born 6 mo. 1662.
Samuel Kingsly son of Samuel & Hanna born, 6. 6. 1662.
Dorothy Downam, daughter of John & Dorothy born 6 mo. 15th. 1662.
Sarah Heiden, daughter, of John & Hanna born 5 mo. 7. 1662.
Rachel Twells, daughter of Robert & Martha born 8 mo. 3. 1662
Scant daughter of William & Sarah, born 4 mo 2. 1662.
Mills, son of John & Elizabeth born 7 mo. 21. 1662.
Hannah Bass, daughter of John & Ruth born 11. 28. 1662.
[Naomi] Thayer daughter of [ffarthanandoe] & Hulda born 11. 23. 1662.

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[255] Braintree originally was a part of Boston and before they were a Town and had ofisers of ther own it was called Mount Wilistone and they had a Serjant or Levtenant sent from Boston to train them, since they were a Town they had ofisers of ther own, and they are as followeth as y Remember.

a levtenant colonell, one namely Edmond Quinsey.

a major, one namely Edmond Quinsey.

Capt^{s}. were 1 Capten Jams Kene. 2 Capten Wiliam Ting. 3 Capten Richard Brackett. 4 Capten Edmond Quinsey.

Levtenants were Georg Wright, Richard Brackett, Wiliam Alis, Samuel Niles, Edmond Quinsey, Robert Twelves, John Cleverly, Samuel Tompson, Alexander Marsh.

Ensighns were Ensighn Winchester, Thomas matson, Moses Paine, Robert Tweles, Samuel Tompson, Christopher Web, Wiliam Veasey, Samuel Penniman.

Serjants were Georg wright, Thomas Matson, Richard Brackitt, John Reed, Francis Eliot, Henery Adams, Thomas Adams, John Hansitt, William Alis, Barnabas Dorifall, Robert Twels, John Sanders, Samuel Tompson, Gregory Belcher, Josiah Chapin, Henery Neale, Samuel Penniman, Nathaniel Wiliam Savill, Benjamin Savil, James John French, Peter Adams.

[258] Clarks of the band were William Chesbrough, Thomas Mekins, Martin Sanders, John French, Edmund Shefeild, Christopher Web, John Mills, Samuel Penniman, Joseph Parmiter, Nehemiah Hayden.

Dromers were, John Marchant, John Adams, John Hathaway, Job Hawkins, Samuel Tompson, Joseph Adams, Christopher Web, John Hayden, Jonathan Picher, John Bass, Samuel Web, Samuel Tompson juner.

Corporals Many

Troopers, were Levtenant John Baxter, Cornet Baxter before Livtenant, Corporal Crosbey.

THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE BOOK OF RECORDS

FOR BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS, &C

Bought 1762.

David Thayer Son of Urah Thayer and Deborah his wife was born Jan^{ry}. 18th. 1759, and died with a mortification in one of his fingers March 27th. 1785, after a few days complaint, (viz.) at meeting one Sabbath & dead the next.

[2] Paul Wild & Silas Wild the Twin sons of Silas Wild and Ruth his wife born January 13, 1762

Luther French the son of Thomas French & Silence his wife born March 21st. 1762.

Sarah Hayden, the daughter of Josiah Hayden & Ruhamah his wife was born August 11th. 1761.

Anna Hayden the Daughter of Enoch Hayden & Amy his wife born Feb^{ry} 19th. 1761.

Eliphaz Thayer, the son of Isaiah Thayer & Sarah his wife was born March 14th. 1762.

Ruth Hayden the Daughter of Benjamin Hayden & Mary his wife born March 19th. 1762.

Sarah Vinton the Daughter of John Vinton & Hephzibah his wife born Septem^{r}. 29th. 1755.

Rhoda Vinton, the daughter of John Vinton & Hephzibah his wife born February 28th. 1757.

Hephzibah Vinton the daughter of John Vinton & Hephzibah his wife born September 20th. 1758.

Elizabeth Vinton the Daughter of John Vinton & Hephzibah his wife born April 27th. 1761.

Bathsheba Faxon, Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife born March 3d. 1762.

Lydia Allen Daughter of Captn. Thomas Allen decd. & Mary his widow born August 22d. 1761.

Ann Adams daughter of Bylestone Adams & Molley his wife born February 24, 1757.

Elizabeth Adams Daughter of Bylestone Adams & Molley his wife born Feby 8th. 1759.

Rebecca Curtis, Daughter of Samuel Curtis & Elizabeth his wife born February 2d. 1762.

[3] Thomas Field, the son of John Field & Susanna his wife born April 27th. 1762.

Susannah Nash, Daughter of Daniel Nash & Rebecca his wife was born July th. 1760.

Phineas Taft, the son of the Revrd. Mr. Moses Taft & Mary his wife was born Augst. 11th. 1762.

Anna Faxon, Daughter of Thomas Faxon & Anna his wife was born Octr. 14th. 1762.

Daniel Wild, the son of Jonathan Wild & Hannah his wife born November 20th. 1762.

Nathaniel Niles son of Nathaniel Niles & Mary his wife born May 21st. 1756.

Mary Niles, Daughter of Nathaniel Niles & Mary his wife born December 31st. 1757.

John Niles son of Nathaniel Niles & Mary his wife born September 11th. 1759.

Hannah Niles Daughter of Nathaniel Niles & Mary his wife born March 19th. 1762.

Abigail Thayer Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born February 4th. 1761.

Deliverance Thayer Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born August 16th. 1762.

Samuel Porter, son of Jabez Porter & Ruth his wife born April 19th. 1763.

Samuel Vinton Turner, Son of Seth Turner & Rebecca his wife born July 29th. 1762.

John Linsfield son of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born December 1st. 1759.

Elizabeth Linsfield Daughter of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born April 10th. 176

Thomas Field son of John Field & Susannah his wife born April 27th. 1762.

[4] Wilson Baxter, son of Newton & Hannah Baxter born October 9th. 1762.

Jonathan Rawson, son of Jonathan Rawson & Susannah his wife born August 7th. 1762.

Martha Harman, Daughter of William Harman, & Lydia his wife born September 11th. 1761.

Ruth Holbrook, Daughter of David Holbrook & Mary, his wife was born November 5th. 1759.

Moses Holbrook, son of David Holbrook & Mary his wife born October 29th. 1761.

Ruth Hayward Daughter of Aaron Hayward Junr. & Mary his wife born July 18th. 1762.

Eunice Belcher, Daughter of Elijah Belcher & Mary his wife born November 6th. 1759

Elijah Belcher, son of Elijah Belcher & Mary his wife was February 24th. 1762.

Zenas French, son of Moses French Jr. & Elizabeth his wife born Apll. 15th. 1760.

Enoch Niles, son of Isaac Niles & Ruth his wife born December 10th. 1761.

Eunice Ludden, Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born April 29th. 1763, & died Febry. 15, 1766.

Silvanus French, son of Moses French Jr & Elizabeth his wife born June 6th. 1763.

Joseph French, son of David French & Mehitable his wife born Septr. 27th. 1763.

Theodora Billings, Daughter of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife born Febry. 1th. 1763.

Lydia Thayer, daughter of Thomas Thayer & Lydia his wife was born May 10th. 1759.

[5] Births.

John Faxon, son of Azariah Faxon, & Dorcas his wife born, June 7th. 1763.

Nancy Quincey, Daughter of Josiah Quincey Esqr. & Ann his wife was born December 8th. 1763.

Anna French, Daughter of Elisha French & Mary his Wife was born August 7th. 1763

Rachel Cowen the Daughter of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born October 31st 1752.

Prince Cowen the son of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born April 5th. 1754

Huldah Cowen, the Daughter of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born July 27th. 1757.

Howland Cowen the son of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born July 25th. 1759.

Molley Cowen the Daughter of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born July 18th. 1761.

Sarah Cowen the Daughter of Balch Cowen & Sarah his wife was born November 7th. 1763.

Susannah Thayer, the Daughter of Capt. Ebenezer Thayer Jr & Rebecca his wife was born January 8th. 1764.

Samuel Savil, the son of Doctr. Elisha Savil & Ann his wife born December 15th. 1763.

Hannah Belcher the Daughter of Nath^{ll}. Belcher Jr & Lydia his wife was born March 11th. 1756.
Nathaniel Belcher, the Son of Nath. Belcher Jr. & Lydia his wife was born October 10th. 1759.
Mary Belcher, the Daughter of Nath^{ll}. Belcher Jr & Lydia his wife was born December 23^{d}. 1761.
Lydia Belcher the Daughter of Nathl. Belcher Jr & Lydia his wife was Born December 28th. 1763.
Molley French, the Daughter of Elijah French & Molley his wife was born, July 15th. 1761.
Abraham French, son of Elijah French & Molley his wife was born August 12th. 1763.
[6] Catharine Taft, Daughter of the Rev^{ed}. Mr. Moses Taft & Mary his wife born April 15th. 1764.
The Children of Richard Hayden & Mary his wife
Aminadab Hayden, son of Richard Hayden & Mary his wife was born Augst. 26, 1746.
Cozbi, Daughter of the afores^{d}. born Novr. 26, 1749.
Asenath, Daughter of the afores^{d}. born Nov. 1, 1751.
Ziba, son of the afores^{d}. born Jan^{ry}. 22^{d}. 1754.
Cyrus, a son born June 13th. 1756.
Sage, a Daughter born Augst. 28th. 1759.
Molley, a Daughter, born Augst. 28th 1759.
Lewis, a Son born Feb^{ry}. 6th. 1763.
Entered Feb. 1765.
Benjamin Turner, son of Seth Turner & Rebecca his wife born Septr. 26, 1764.
Thomas Hayden, Son of Benj^{a}. Hayden & Mary his wife born Novr. 12th. 1764.
Demetrius Thayer son of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born July 23^{d}. 1764.
Rachel Hollis Daughter of John Hollis & Alletheah his wife was born Octr. 8th. 1761.
Benjamin Hollis Son of John Hollis & Alletheah his wife was born July 27th. 1764.
Ruth Wild, the Daughter of William Wild Jr & Deborah his wife born Jan^{ry} 19th. 1759.
Sarah Wild, Daughter of William Wild Jr & Deborah his wife born May 4th. 1761.
Benj^{a} Wild son of William Wild Jr & Deborah his wife born Decr. 14th. 1763.
Robert Whitcomb, Son of Noah Whitcomb & Mary his wife born Septr. 8th. 1761
[7] Elizabeth French Daughter of Gideon French & Elizabeth his wife born June 15th. 1751.
Rachel Daughter of the afores^{d}. born April 19th. 1753.
Gideon, Son of the afores^{d}. born Octr. 1st. 1755.
Joanna, Daughter of the afores^{d}. born Augst. 11th. 1758.
Ebenezer, Son of the afores^{d}. born Feb^{ry}. 15th. 1761.
Mary Daughter of the aforesaid born Augst. 4th. 1763.

Anna Spear, Daughter of John Spear 2d. & Mary his wife born Octr. 1754.
Ralph Spear, Son of sd. John & Mary born May 18th. 1756.
Elizabeth Spear, Daughter of the aforesd. born Novr. 13th. 1757.
Ruth Spear, Daughter of sd. John & Mary born Novr. 6th. 1760.
The Children of Sampson Dunbar & Patience his wife are as follows, (viz.)
Amee, a Daughter born May 31st. 1752.
Asa, a Son, born March 16, 1754.
Sarah, a Daughter born March 13th. 1756.
Molley, a Daughter born February 22d. 1758.
Joshua a Son born May 18th. 1760.
Samuel, a Son born November 10th. 1762.
Entered June 1765.
Nathaniel Hayden the son of Enoch Hayden & Amy his wife born July 11th. 1763.
Hannah Thayer, the Daughter of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife was born July 16th. 1762.
Abner Thayer, the son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife was born May 31st. 1764.
James Faxon the son of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born August 24th. 1764.
Ebenezer Pain, Son of Ebenezer Pain & Sarah his wife was born February 27th. 1763.
Sarah Payn, the Daughter of Ebenezer Payn & Sarah his wife born March 4th. 1765.
Mary Rawson the Daughter of Jonathan Rawson & Susanna his wife was born March 29th. 1765.
Samuel Fenton, son of Thomas Fenton Jr. & Eleonor his wife was born Decr. 26th. 1760.
Bethuel Fenton, son of Thomas Fenton Jr & Eleonar his wife was born July 25th. 1763.
Caleb Hobart, son of Adam Hobart & Mary his wife was born May 8th. 1765.
Jerusha Billings, the Daughter of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife was born May 17th. 1765.
Abigail Adams, the Daughter of John Adams Esqr & Abigail his wife was born July 14th. 1765.
Joshua Crane, the son of Ebenezer Crane & Abigail his wife born May 6th. 1765.
Atherton Wales, the son of Atherton Wales & Sarah his wife born Octr. 7th. 1761.
Hannah Cleverly, the Daughter of Mr. Joseph Cleverly, & Esther his wife born Septr. 20th. & Dyed Octr 17th. 1765.
Ezra Waldo Weld, son of the Revnd. Ezra Weld & Anna his wife was born, April 25th. 1765.
Jonathan Belcher, son of Thomas Belcher & Sarah his wife was born Septr. 1st. 1765.
Andrew Thayer, the son of Obadiah Thayer & Joanna his wife born May 15th. & Dyed July 17, 1765.

Bettee Soper, Daughter of Edmund Soper & Bettee his wife was born April 6th. 1755.
Esther Wild, the Daughter of Randell Wild, & Jerusha his wife born Septr. 5th. 1762.
Solomon White, Son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife born March 18th. 1760.
Caleb White son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife born March 17th. 1762
Thomas Vinton, son of Thomas Vinton & Jemima his wife born, Septr. 14th. 1761.

[9] The Children of William Wild Jr. & Deborah his wife are as follows (viz).
Bettee Wild, born January 31st. 1746.
William, a Son born June 18th. 1747.
Benjamin a Son born August 22d 1749.
The said William & Benjamin Drowned Janry. 19th. 1755.
Deborah a Daughter born May 31st. 1751.
Anna a Daughter born August 17th. 1753.
William a Son born June 9th. 1756.

The Children of Joshua French & Esther his wife are as follows (viz).
Esther a Daughter born Novr. 1st. 1756.
Joshua a Son born March 9th. 1758.
Prudence, a Daughter born March 29th. 1759.
Sarah a Daughter born December, 14th. 1760.
John a Son born March 26th. 1762.
Hannah a Daughter born Octr. 13th. 1763.
Rachel a Daughter born June 30th. 1765.

The Children of Edmund Soper & Eunice his wife are as follows (viz.)
Mehitable, a Daughter born August 23d. 1757.
Edmund, a Son born January 24th. 1759.
Eunice a Daughter born, March 24th. 1761.
Theophilus a Son born April 2d. 1763.
Releaf a Daughter born February 5th. 1765.
Seth Porter Son of Benjamin Porter & Mercy his wife born February 6th. 1755 & Dyed April 27, 1755.
Daniel Porter, son of Benjamin Porter & Mercy his wife born October 21st. 1757.
Noah Porter the son of Benjamin Porter & Mercy his wife born July 21st. 1760.
Rachel Clark the Daughter of Ebenezer Clark & Abigail his wife born July 15, 1760.
Susanna Clarke the Daughter of Ebenezer Clark & Abigail his wife born March 6th. 1763.
[10] Ebenezer Hayward son of Aaron Hayward & Mary his wife born May 18th. 1764.
Titus Thayer, Son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born January 26th. 1766.
James Wales the Son of Jonathan Wales & Rachel his wife born February 15th. 1763.

Aaron Wales, the Son of Jonathan Wales & Rachel his wife born July 3d. 1765.
Lucretia Hunt, the Daughter of Obed Hunt & Lucretia his wife born August 14th. 1762.
Obed Hunt, the son of Obed Hunt & Lucretia his wife born April 12th. 1764.
The children of Zachariah Thayer & Lydia his wife.
Abraham, was born July 10th. 1739.
Isaac, was born November 23d. 1741.
Lydia, was born June 23d. 1743.
Phebe, was born February 11th. 1745.
Zachariah, born Janry. 6th. 1746, Dyed Apll. 23d. 1751.
Thankful, born May 11th. 1756.
Amy, was born October 20th. 1748.
Elizabeth, was born May 28th. 1750.
Asa, was born February 9th. 1752.
Zachariah, born March 9th. 1754.
Rachel, was born July 13th. 1758.
Mary a Twin born Aug. 13th. 1761. one Dyed.
Zebah was born April 8, 1764.
Hannah (Gay) the Daughter of Oliver Gay & Abigail his wife born Octr. 1st. 1755.
Lydia, the Daughter of Oliver Gay & Abigail his wife born July 15th. 1758.
Benjamin Gay the Son of Oliver Gay & Abigail his wife born June 13th. 1762.
Henry Turner Gay, the son of Oliver Gay & Abigail his wife born February 13th. 1766
Deborah Thayer the Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born July 16th. 1766.
Abigail Harman the Daughter of William Harman & Lydia his wife born May 11th. 1763.
William Harman the Son of William Harman & Lydia his wife born December 1st. 1764.
Bathsheba Harman, the Daughter of William Harman & Lydia his wife born Septr. 14th. 1766.
Milcah Ludden, the Daughter of Benja. Ludden & Esther his wife born April 7th. 1765.
Ambrose Thayer the Son of Joshua Thayer & Sarah his wife born February 9th. 1766
The children of Daniel Hayden & Rachel his wife.
Daniel, was born Janry 16th. 1757.
Rachel, was born Augst. 22d. 1760.
Hannah, was born August 30th. 1762.
Elizabeth, was born August 9th. 1765.
John Hall, the son of John Hall & Elizabeth his wife was born Novr. 16th. 1764.
Elijah Wild, the son of William Wild & Deborah his wife born July 20th. 1766.
Abigail Billings, Daughter of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife born February 15th. 1767.

Joshua Hayward Son of Joshua Hayward Jr. & Abigail his wife born May 13th. 1766.

Elisha Wild Son of Randell Wild & Jerusha his wife born, April 4th. 1764.

Benjamin Hunt, the Son of Silas Hunt & Silence his wife born January 7th. 1764.

Asa Copeland, Son of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife born March 18th. 1756.

[12] The children of James Clark & Mary his wife.

James a Son born September 17, 1755.

Lemuel a Son born May 12th. 1756.

Peter, a Son born April 29th. 1758.

Gregory, a Son born April 5th. 1760.

Mary a Daughter born June 10th. 1762.

Micaiah a Son born July 1st. 1764.

Asa a Son born April 14th. 1766.

The children of Edward Chessman & Margret his wife.

Anson, a Son was born July 14th. 1752.

Benjamin a son was born September 20th. 1756.

Abel a Son was born February 22d. 1758.

Rhoda, a Daughter was born March 15th. 1760.

Calvin, a son was born November 12th. 1764.

Arodi French, Son of Gideon French & Elizabeth his wife born Augst. 24th. 1766.

John Hollis, Son of John Hollis & Alethea his wife born April 7th. 1767.

Rebecca Linsfield Daughter of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born Octr. 1st. 1765.

Thomas Penniman Faxon, Son of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born Decr. 16th. 1765.

Nehemiah Holbrook, son of Nehemiah Holbrook & Elizabeth his wife born July 28th. 1766.

Abijah French, Son of Moses French Jr & Elizabeth his wife born Septr. 11th. 1766.

Stephen Rawson, Son of Jonathan Rawson & Susanna born August 27th. 1766.

John Vinton Son of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born January 6th. 1765.

Caleb Holbrook, the Son of David Holbrook & Mary his wife was born October 2d. 1764.

Jo. Arnold, Son of Joseph Arnold & Mary his wife Born April 23d. 1754.

[13] Peter Clark Son of Peter Clark & Hannah his wife born Septr. 27th. 1764.

William Clarke, Son of Peter Clark & Hannah his wife was born, May 18th. 1766.

Eunice Ludden, Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born April 26th. 1767.

Abigail Hayward, Daughter of Joshua Hayward & Abigail his wife born July 26th. 1767.

Naomi Cheesman, Daughter of Samuel Cheesman & Mary his wife born September 3d. 1767.

Cardee Parker, a Son & Mary Parker a Daughter of Doctr. Cardee Parker & Mary his wife born February 3d. 1767.

Molley Brackett, Daughter of James Brackett Junr & Mary his wife born April 29th. 1762.

Rebecca Brackett, Daughter of James Brackett Jr & Mary his wife born March 4th. 1764.

Henry Brackett, Son of James Brackett Junr. & Mary his wife born January 17th. 1766.

Richard Wild, Son of Randell Wild & Jerusha his wife born September 4th. 1765.

Atherton Thayer, Son of Ebenezer Thayer Esq. & Rebecca his wife born February 9th. 1766.

Sarah Penniman, Daughter of Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife born Janry 11, 1766.

Amasa Thayer, Son of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife born March 26th. 1764.

Eliphalet Thayer, Son of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife born March 14th. 1766.

Leonard Cleverly, Son of Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth his wife born August 20th. 1758.

Eleoner Baxter, Daughter of Seth Baxter & Eleoner his wife born Octr. 19th. 1759.

Edward Willard Baxter Son of Seth Baxter & Eleoner his wife born August 31, 1761.

[14] Charlote Soper, Daughter of Edmund Soper & Eunice his wife born Aug. 3, 1767.

The Children of Moses Jones & Dorothy his wife

Abraham a Son born, December 4th. 1760.

Sarah, a Daughter born Decr. 26th. 1762.

John, a Son born June 3d. 1764.

Joseph, a Son born February 12th. 1766.

Lydia White, Daughter of Capt John White & Ruth his wife born March 25th. 1764.

Elizabeth Taft, Daughter of the Rev. Moses Taft & Mary his wife born June 24th. 1766.

Bayley White, Son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife born Janry. 1st. & Died Augst. 9, 1766.

Bailey White Son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife born Augst. 27, 1767.

Lemuel Allen, Son of Abijah Allen & Ruth his wife born July 11th. 1767.

Sarah Brackett, Daughter of James Brackett & Mary his wife born Sept. 14th. 1767.

Josiah Glover, son of Elisha Glover and Jerusha his wife was born Novr 6, 1765.

Joseph Glover son of Elisha Glover & Jerusha his wife was born Novr. 1st. 1767.

Anna Thayer, Daughter of Ephraim Thayer 2d. & Phebe his wife was born Octr. 12th 1763 and dyed June 13th. 1764.

Porter Thayer, Son of Ephraim Thayer & Phebe his wife was born Augst. 19th. 1765.

Ephraim Thayer, Son of Ephraim Thayer & Phebe his wife was born August 2^{d}. 1767.

Daniel Clark, son of Peter Clark and Hannah his wife was born March 14, 1768.

[15] The Children of Obadiah Thayer & Joanna his wife.

Susannah a Daughter was born May 29th. 1754

Joanna, a Daughter was born Septr. 10th. 1756.

Rachel, a Daughter born Septr. 7th. 1760.

Obadiah a Son was born May 24th. 1766.

The Children of Benjamin French & Judith his wife.

Benjamin a Son born March 27, 1760.

Judith a Daughter April 5th. 1762.

Samuel, a Son born October 7th. 1764.

Adam, a Son born November 10, 1766

The Children of Ickabod Holbrook & Hannah his wife.

Mary a Daughter born Septr. 24, 1756

Nathaniel a Son born Octr. 7th. 1758.

Abel, a Son was born Octr 9th. 1761.

Ebenezer a Son born Octr. 5th. 1763.

Stephen Faxon a Son & Abigail Faxon a Daughter, twin children of Azariah Faxon and Dorcas his wife were born Augst 2^{d}. 1767.

Molley Glover, Daughter of Nathaniel Glover & Mary his wife born May 26th. 1766.

Elizabeth Hayward, Daughter of Joshua Hayward Jr. & Abigail his wife was born Octr. 10th. & Dyed December 14th. 1768.

Sarah Hunt Daughter of Silas Hunt & Silence his wife born January 9th. 1766.

John Quincy Adams, Son of John Adams Esqr. & Abigail his wife was born July 11th. 1767.

Lott Curtis, Son of Capt Moses Curtis & Mary his wife born August 17th. 1766.

Ludovicus Weld Son of the Revrd. Ezra Weld & Anna his wife born September 12th. 1766.

Ahaz French, Son of Nathaniel French & Silence his wife born December 12th. 1762.

Samuel French Son of Nathaniel French & Silence his wife born January 9th. 1765.

Nathaniel Hayward Son of Jonathan Hayward & Sarah his wife born Novr. 28th. 1763.

[16] Isaac Spear, the Son of Isaac Spear & Susanna his wife was born January 9th. 1754.

Nathaniel Spear, the Son of Isaac Spear & Susanna his wife was born March 10th. 1756.

Bettee Spear the Daughter of Isaac Spear and Susanna his wife was born March 17th. 1758.

Rhoda Spear, the Daughter of Isaac Spear & Susanna his wife was born December 8th. 1759.

Elijah Spear, the son of Isaac Spear & Susanna his wife was born June 17th. 1763.

Jonathan Spear the Son of Isaac Spear & Elizabeth his wife was born February 16th. 1768.

Phebe Cheesman, Daughter of John Cheesman & Abigail his wife born April 8th. 1762

Micah Wild, Son of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born April 22d. 1758.

Deborah Wild, Daughter of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born August 15th. 1759.

Rachel Wild, the Daughter of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born May 15th. 1761.

Alletheah Wild, Daughter of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born November 17th. 1762.

Thomas Wild, Son of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born July 3d. 1764.

Bethiah Wild, Daughter of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife June 27th. 1766.

Peirson Wild, Son of Micah Wild & Deborah his wife born April 3d. 1768.

Nathaniel Leeds, son of Nathaniel Leeds and Judith his wife born August 25th. 1765.

[17] Lydia Hall, Daughter of John Hall & Elizabeth his wife born January 2d 1767.

Rachel Thayer, the Daughter of Ebenezer Thayer Esq. & Rebecca his wife born February 13th. 1768.

Elizabeth Ludden Daughter of James Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born October 9th. 1764.

Anna Ludden, Daughter of James Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born June 14th. 1764.

Eleb Faxon, son of James Faxon & Relief his wife born January 9th. 1756.

Caleb Faxon, son of James Faxon & Relief his wife born October 6th. 1758.

Mary Faxon, Daughter of James Faxon & Relief his wife born August 29th. 1760.

Elizabeth Faxon Daughter of James Faxon & Relief his wife born July 26, 1763.

Eunice Faxon, the Daughter of James Faxon & Relief his wife born June 19th. 1765.

Anna Holbrook, Daughter of John Holbrook Junr. & Anna his wife born November 14th. 1767.

Richard Belcher, Son of Nathaniel Belcher & Lydia his wife born January 9th. 1765.

Billy Belcher, Son of Nathaniel Belcher & Lydia & his wife born September 27th. 1767.

Elizabeth Weld, Daughter of the Revrd. Ezra Weld & Anna his wife born June 2d. 1768.

Nathaniel French, Son of Nathaniel French & Silence his wife born January 12th. 1767.

James French, Son of Nathaniel French & Silence his wife born April 6th. 1769.

John Bradley, son of Hopestill Bradley and Abigail his wife was born March 6th. 1770

[18] Elizabeth Baxter, Daughter of Benjamin Baxter and Eunice his wife born March 12th. 1765.

Norton Baxter, Son of Benjamin Baxter & Eunice his wife born December 12th. 1767.

Eli Spear, Son of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born December 18th. 1756.

Luther Spear, Son of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born August 21st. 1758.

Tamer Spear, Daughter of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born July 15th. 1760.

Moses Spear, Son of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born February 17th. 1762.

Stephen Spear, Son of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born June 13th. 1764.

Frederick Spear Son of Moses Spear & Catharine his wife born August 8th. 1766.

Catharine Spear, Daughter of Moses Spear and Catharine his wife born February 25th. 1769.

Anna Quincy Hunt, Daughter of Silas Hunt Decd. & Silence his widow born December 13th. 1767.

Sarah Ludden, Daughter of James Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born May 17th. 1768.

Susanna Adams, Daughter of John Adams Esqr. & Abigail his wife was born at Boston, December 28th. 1768.

Barnabas Thayer, Son of Richard Thayer & Susanna his wife born Octr. 23d. 1759.

Jonathan Thayer, son of Richard Thayer & Susanna his wife born Septr. 1st. 1763.

Rebecca Thayer, Dau. of Richard Thayer & Susanna his wife born April 1st. 1761.

The Children of Ebenezer Hayden Junior & Elizabeth his wife.

Ebenezer, a son born March 7th. 1755.

Alexander, a Son born September 11th. 1756.

Jacob, a Son born June 16th. 1758.

Levi a Son born July, 2d. 1760.

Elizabeth, a Daughter born May 22d. 1762

Oliver, a Son born October 19th. 1767.

Job a Son born April 4th. 1773

Mary a Daughter born January 24th. 1776.

Esther, a Daughter born July 27th. 1778.

[19] Hannah Spear, Daughter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife was born April 22d 1759

Rachel Spear, Daughter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife born November 28th. 1761

Stephen Spear, Son of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife born August 18th. 1764.

Phebe Spear Daughter of Deering Spear and Hannah his wife born September 28th. 1766.

Alice Spear, Daughter of Deering Speer and Hannah his wife born March 8th. 1769.
Richard Spear, Son of Richard Spear and Elizabeth his wife born August 16th. 1759.
Barnabas Spear, son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born April 4th. 1761.
Deering Spear, Son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth & his wife born July 28th. 1763.
Barzillai Spear Son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born October 25th. 1765.
Elizabeth Spear, Daughter of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born March 2d. 1768.
Rebecca Vinton, Daughter of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born May 4th. 1767.
Samuel Vinton, Son of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born May 18th. 1769.
Samuel Vinton, Son of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife Died December 8th. 1786
[20] Susanna Ludden, Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Ruth his wife born August 20th. 1768.
Joanna Ludden, Daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Ruth his wife born January 31st. 1770.
Alice Belcher, Daughter of Nathaniel Belcher & Lydia his wife born March 29th. 1770.
Prudence Jones, Daughter of Moses Jones & Dorothy his wife born January 7th. 1768.
Mary Jones, Daughter of Moses Jones & Dorothy his wife born February 10th. 1770.
Ezra Thayer, Son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born January 25th. 1770.
Ruth White, Daughter of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife was born May 20th. 1758.
Simeon White Son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife was born July 11th. 1769.
John Glover Son of Nathaniel Glover & Mary his wife born August 13th. 1769.
Joshua Hobart, Son of Joshua Hobart & Sarah his wife born September 13th. 1767.
Sarah Hobart, Daughter of Joshua Hobart & Sarah his wife born September 14th. 1769.
The children of Noah Thayer & Margaret his wife.
Shadrack a Son born May 18th. 1759.
Experance, a Daughter born April 28th. 1761.
Michael a Son [Michal a daughter] born May 13th. 1765.
Meribah a Daughter born May 1st. 1769.
Meshach born March 29th. 1772.
Leah born April 8th. 1774.
[21] Children of Daniel Nash & Rebecca his wife
Susanna a Daughter born J
Enoch Wiswell Nash, a son born
Daniel Nash, a son born Oct.

Joshua Nash a Son born May
Sarah Nash a daughter born j
children of Clement Hayden & Hannah his wife.
Jerusha Hayden, a Daughter born December 28th. 1763.
Hannah Hayden, a Daughter born November 11th. 1765.
Jeremiah Hayden, a Son born August 23d. 1768.
Stephen Penniman Son of Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife born January 15th. 1768.
Zubah Penniman Daughter of Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife born May 5th. 1770.
Jonathan Payne, son of Ebenezer Payne & Sarah his wife born March 10th. 1770.
Benjamin Clark, son of Peter Clark & Hannah his wife born February 26th. 1770.
John Holbrook, son of John Holbrook & Anna his wife born November 3d. 1769.
Allethea Hollis, Daughter of John Hollis & Allethea his wife born November 22d. 1769. Died.
Stephen Thayer Son of Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. & Rebecca his wife born January 2d. 1770.
Hooker Baxter, son of Newton Baxter & Hannah his wife born December 12th. 1764.
Rufus Baxter, Son of Newton Baxter & Hannah his wife born February 12th. 1767.
William Thayer, son of Christopher Thayer Junier & Bethiah his wife born Novr. 25th. 1767.
Mary Baker, daughter of Doctr. Moses Baker, & Mary his wife born July 6th. 1764.
Moses son of Doctr. Moses Baker, & Mary his wife born May 31st
[22] 31 1767.
James Brackett, Son of James Brackett Junr. & Mary his wife born July 30th. 1769.
Joseph Hunt, son of Asa Hunt & Rebecca his wife December 14th. 1768.
Eben Vesey Gay son of Oliver Gay & Abigail his wife was born November 18th. 1768.
Elisha French, Son of Elisha French & Mary his wife was born November 5th. 1768.
Bettee Hayward, the Daughter of Joshua Hayward & Abigail his wife born February 20, 1770.
Silva Thayer, Daughter of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife born April 18th. 1768.
Adonijah Thayer Son of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife born October 29th. 1770.
Elizabeth Capen, Daughter of Samuel Capen Elizabeth his wife born May 2d. 1768.
Samuel Capen son of Samuel Capen & Elizabeth his wife born November 3d. 1769.
Mary Hobart Daughter of Adam Hobart & Mary his wife born December 4th. 1766.

Releif Hobart, Daughter of Adam Hobart & Mary his wife born April 29th. 1769.

Edmund Billings, Son of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife born July 1st. 1769.

Samuel Weld, Son of the Revrd. Ezra Weld & Anna his wife born May 9th. 1770.

[23] George Rugles Miller, Son of Leonard Miller & Sarah his wife born March 7th. 1767.

Polley Pratt Daughter of Thomas Pratt & Mary his wife born August 6th. 1770.

Samuel Pratt, Son of Jesse Pratt & Joanna his wife born August 15th. 1770.

Lucey Ludden Daughter of James Ludden & Elizabeth his wife born September 4th. 1770.

Jesse Curtis Soper, son of Edmund Soper & Eunice his wife born December 15th. 1769.

Ann Cleverly, Daughter of Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth his wife born January 25th. 1760.

Lucey Cleverly, Daughter of Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth his wife born July 19th. 1761.

Susanna Cleverly Daughter of Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth his wife born April 15th. 1764.

Ruth Cleverly, Daughter of Benjamin Cleverly & Ruth his wife born January 26th. 1768.

Catherine Baxter, Daughter of Seth Baxter & Eleoner his wife born Octr. 8th. 1763.

Josiah Baxter, Son of Seth Baxter & Molley his wife born February 5th. 1769.

Rebecca Baxter, Daughter of Seth Baxter & Molley his wife born July 6th. 1771.

Charlotte Cleverly, Daughter of Benjamin Cleverly & Prudence his wife born July 15th. 1772.

Wilson Marsh, Son of Wilson Marsh, & Abigail his wife born August 10th. 1750.

Jonathan Marsh, son of Wilson Marsh & Abigail his wife born April 19th. 1753. alter'd at his desire.

Abigail Marsh, Daughter of Wilson Marsh & Abigail his wife born May 6th. 1756.

Samuel Holbrook Newcomb, son of Peter Newcomb & Elizabeth his wife was born Feb^{ry}. 20th. 1772.

Minott Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer Jun. Esq. & Rebecca his wife born December 25th. 1771.

Nathaniel Glover, Son of Nathaniel Glover & Mary his wife was born July 23d. 1772.

[24] Mary Thayer Daughter of Christopher Thayer Jun. & Bethiah his wife born July 8th. 1771.

Calvin Faxon Son of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife born August 15th. 1766.

Reuben Faxon, son of Thomas Faxon & Joanna his wife born September 25th. 1768.

Caleb Thayer, Son of Reuben Thayer & Sarah his wife born August 5th. 1770.
Elizabeth Thayer, Daughter of James Thayer & Deborah his wife born March 31st. 1771.
Elisha Faxon son of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born July 26th. 1771.
Eunice Vinton, Daughter of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born May 14, 1771.
Samuel Wales Son of Moses Wales & Elizabeth his wife born April 25th. 1771.
Charlotte Baker, Daughter of Doctr. Moses Baker & Mary his wife born February 18th. 1769.
Thankful Baker Daughter of Doctr. Moses Baker & Mary his wife born February 16, 1771.
Francas Baker Daughter of Doctr. Moses Baker & Mary his wife born June 2d. 1773.
Lemuel Vesey, Son of Lemuel Vesey & Sarah his wife born March 17th. 1772.
Sarah Veazie a daughter born May 11th. 1777.
Samuel Veazie a Son born June 3d. 1779.
Susannah Veazie a daughter born June 5th. 1781.
Joshua Baker, son of Doctr. Moses Baker & Mary his wife was born March 19th. 1775.

[25] The Children of William & Ruth Adams.

William a Son born May 13th. 1744.
Anna a Daughter born August 26, 1745.
Elisha, a Son born February 25th. 1751.
Jonathan a son born November 27th. 1753.
Benjamin a son born October 25th. 1754.
Mary a Daughter born Novr. 25th. 1756.
Joanna, a Daughter born June 25, 1761.
Sarah a Daughter born July 26, 1762.
Elias Weld, son of the Revd. Ezra Weld and Anna his wife born March 11th. 1772.
Mary Adams, Daughter of Peter Boylstone Adams & Mary his wife born March 4th. 1769.
Boylston Adams Son of Peter Boylston Adams & Mary his wife born April 24th. 1771.
Edward Hall, Son of John Hall & Elizabeth his wife born December 21st. 1771.
Ann Adams, Daughter of Captn. Peter Boylston Adams, & Mary his wife born April 19, 1773.
Susanna Adams Daughter of Captn. Peter Boylston Adams, & Mary his wife born August 11th. 1777.
Katharine Hay Weld Daughter of Revd. Ezra Weld and Hannah his wife born March 27th. 1777.
Joseph Greenleaf Weld, Son of Revd. Ezra Weld and Abigail his wife Born July 14th. 1781.
Thomas Weld, Son of the Revd. Ezra Weld and Abigail his wife Born Jany. 22d. 1785.

[26] Sarah Wales, Daughter of Jonathan Wales and Abigail his wife born May 21st. 1767.

Abigail Wales, Daughter of Jonathan Wales and Abigail his wife born February 3d. 1769.

Atherton Wales, Son of Jonathan Wales & Abigail his wife born August 8th. 1772.

Josiah Capen, Son of Samuel Capen & Elizabeth his wife born August 8th. 1771.

Mary Thayer, the Daughter of Noah Thayer & Mary his wife born January 2d. 1770.

Obadiah Allen Thayer, Son of Noah Thayer & Eunice his wife born July 3d. 1772.

Levi White, Son of Captn. John White & Ruth his wife born March 4th. 1771.

Benjamin Linsfield Son of David Linsfield & Hannah his wife born January 27th. 1771.

Ephraim Wales, son of Ephraim Wales & Mary his wife born March 17th. 1772.

Ebenezer Miller, Son of Ebenezer Miller Esqr. & Elizabeth his wife born December 25th. 1772.

Thomas Boylston Adams son of John Adams Esq & Abigail his wife born September 15th. 1772.

Peter Hayward son of Joshua Hayward & Abigail his wife born April 25th. 1772.

Aholibamah Curtis, daughter of Captn. Moses Curtis & Hannah his wife was born Decr. 15th. 1771.

Allethea Hollis, daughter of John Hollis & Allethea his wife was born May the 13th. 1770.

Noah Curtis, son of Samuel Curtis Jun. and Elizabeth his wife born November 8th. 1772.

[27] Barjona Spear, son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born August 21st. 1772.

Mary Soper, Daughter of Edmund Soper & Eunice his wife born February 15th. 1772.

Isaac Bass, son of Edward Bass & Bathsheba his wife was born November 5th. 1772.

Ann Adams, Daughter of Peter Boylston Adams & Mary his wife born April 19th. 1773.

Deborah Thayer, Daughter of Ebenezer Thayer & Deborah his wife born May 25th. 1772.

Elisha Ludden son of Benjamin Ludden & Esther his wife born March 10th. 1773.

Abigail Belcher Brackett, Daughter of James Brackett & Mary his wife born August 11th. 1771.

Susanna Holbrook Daughter of John Holbrook & Anna his wife born August 14th. 1772.

Ebenezer Brackett, son of James Brackett & Mary his wife born May 7th. 1773.

Silence French, Daughter of Nathaniel French & Silence his wife born, November 3d. 1771.

Anna French, Daughter of Josiah French & Anna his wife born December 29th. 1769.

Rhoda French, Daughter of Josiah French & Anna his wife born April 3d. 1773.

Atherton Wales son of Jonathan Wales & Abigail his wife born August 8th. 1772.

Ama Penniman, Daughter of Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife was born Novr. 1st. 1772.

Hannah Vinton Daughter of John Vinton, & Hepzibah his wife was born June 12th. 1773. Died July 9th. 1773.

Ruth Ludden, daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Ruth his wife was born November 12, 1772.

[28] Habijah Savage Weld, son of Revd. Ezra Weld & Anna his wife born August 8th. 1773.

Eber Thayer son of Christopher Thayer & Bethiah his wife born August 17th. 1773.

Sarah Wild Daughter of Randell Wild & Jerusha his wife born April 26th. 1772.

Sarah Faxon, Daughter of Azariah Faxon & Dorcas his wife born February 10th. 1773.

John Wales, son of Moses Wales & Elizabeth his wife born May 19th. 1773.

Ephraim Hayward son of Joshua Hayward & Abigail his wife born January 14th. 1774.

Ziba Bass, son of Edward Bass, & Bathsheba his wife born May 28th. 1774.

Moses French son of Moses French & Elizabeth his wife born Octr 29th. 1769.

Jonathan French, son of Moses French & Elizabeth his wife born April 29th. 1772.

Elisha Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife born Novr. 22d. 1773, died Octr. 24, 1805

Isaac White, son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife born February 5th. 1774.

John Hamock Miller, son of Ebenezer Miller Esqr. & Elizabeth his wife born July 17th. 1774.

Thomas Thayer, son of Gaius Thayer & Sarah his wife born March 14th. 1773.

Gaius Thayer, son of Gaius Thayer & Sarah his wife born October 31st. 1774.

Benjamin Vinton, son of Captn. John Vinton & Hepzebath his wife was born Octr. 9th. 1774.

Asa French son of Moses French and Elizabeth his wife was born April 16th. 1775.

Charles French, son of Moses French and Elizabeth his wife was born April 24th. 1778.

Elizabeth French Daughter of Moses French and Elizabeth his wife was born May 13th. 1780.

[29] Lydia Copeland, Daughter of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife born March 8th. 1758.

Allethea Copeland, Daughter of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife born September 12th. 1761.

Frances Copeland, Daughter of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife born January 18th. 1764.

Seth Copeland son of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife was born June 30th. 1771.

Daniel Copeland son of Seth Copeland & Lydia his wife born January 1st. 1775.

Ebenezer Harman son of William Harman & Lydia his wife born March 7th. 1769.

Phebe Harmon, Daughter of William Harman & Lydia his wife born June 7th. 1772.

Ezra Glover, Son of Elisha Glover & Jerusha his wife born June 22d. 1770.

Mehitable Glover, Daughter of Elisha Glover & Jerusha his wife Born Novr. 8, 1773.

Elizabeth Curtis, Daughter of Samuel Curtis & Elizabeth his wife born July 17th. 1774.

Francis Clark son of Peter Clark & Hannah his wife Born Feby 25th. 1772 & Dyed July 14th. 1773.

Francis Clark son of Peter Clark & Hannah his wife born April 14th. 1774.

Enoch Penniman, son of Enoch Penniman & Rebecca his wife born August 26th. 1774.

Bildad Curtis son of Captn Moses Curtis & Experance his wife was born Octr. 31, 1775.

Dorcas Penniman, daughter of Stephen Penniman, & Sarah his wife was born Janry. 7, 1775.

Betey Niles Daughter of Majr. Jeremiah Niles and Abigail his wife was Born May 23d. 1773.

[30] Jemima Vinton, Daughter of Thomas Vinton & Jemima his wife born August 11th. 1763.

Sarah Vinton, Daughter of Thomas Vinton & Jemima his wife born Novr. 20th. 1770.

Oliver Vinton, son of Thomas Vinton & Jemima his wife Born November 1st. 1772.

Jonathan Gulliver Billings, son of Edmund Billings & Theodora his wife born Octr 24th. 1775.

Anna Thayer, Daughter of Zacheus Thayer & Deborah his wife born April 10th. 1772.

Deborah Thayer, daughter of Zacheus Thayer & Deborah his wife born May 15th. 1774.

Lemuel Vinton, son of Thomas Vinton & Jemima his wife born Octr. 31st. 1774.

Jerusha Pratt, daughter of Jesse Pratt & Joanna his wife Octr. 11th. 1767, & Died Septr. 25th. 1769.

Joshua Baker, son of Doctr. Moses Baker and Mary his wife born March 20th. 1775.

Elisha Holbrook, son of John Holbrook and Anna his wife born August 21st. 1775.

Ebenezer Coddington Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel Thayer his wife born April 1st. 1775, died Aug. 25th.

Ebenezer Coddington Thayer son of Ebenezer Thayer & Rachel his wife born May 31st. 1776, died Decr. 22d. 1805.

Eli Veazie son of Elijah Veazie & Beulah his wife born April 28th. 1776.

Rhoda French, daughter of Gideon French & Elizabeth his wife born May 4th. 1772.

John Scudder, son of John Scudder and Elizabeth his born July 29th. 1776.

Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Ebenezer Miller Esqr. & Elizabeth his wife born March 31, 1776.

Enos Thayer, son of Gaius Thayer & Sarah his wife born August 6th. 1776.

[31] Rachel Samson, Daughter of Joshua Samson and Rachel his wife born Septr. 3d. 1774.

Joshua Samson Son of Joshua Samson, and Rachel his wife born, March 1st. 1776.

Silas Nash, son of Daniel Nash and Rebecca his wife born August 2nd. 1771.

Rachel Nash daughter of Daniel Nash & Rebecca his wife born July 8th. 1776.

Mary Thayer, Daughter of Elkanah Thayer & Mary his wife born Decr. 16, 1773.

Thomas Boylston Thayer, son of Elkanah Thayer & Mary his wife born Feby 26, 1776, Died April 10, following.

Thomas Boylstone Thayer, son of Elkanah Thayer & Mary his wife born March 18, 1777.

The children of Joseph Beale & Lilly his wife.

Joseph, a son born May 12th. 1769.

Peter, a son born January 30th. 1771.

Samuel Davis Beale a son born March 23d. 1773.

Theodoshi Beale, a Daughter bourn Decr. 9th. 1775.

Lilly Beal a Daughter born October 30th. 1776.

Russell Glover, son of Elisha Glover and Jerusha his wife born Jany. 15th. 1776.

Eunice Soper, Daughter of the late Edmund Soper & Eunice his wife born Octr. 14th. 1776.

Hannah Hunt, Daughter of Caleb Hunt and Mary his wife born January 9th. 1777.

[32] Gideon Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer, tertius & Rachel his wife born September 24th. 1777.

Eunice Billing, daughter of Colo Edmund Billing & Theodora his wife born November 30th. 1777.

Eunice Curtis, daughter of Cap. Moses Curtis & Experance his wife was born July 13th. 1777.

The children of Decn Ebenezer Adams and Mehitable his wife.

Joseph, a Son born August 21st. 1759.

Mehitable, a Daughter born Decemr. 21st. 1760.

Ebenezer, a son born May 9th. 1762.

Josiah a son born October 17th. 1763.

Zebdiel a son born Decem^{r}. 9, 1767.
Alles, a Daughter born June 10, 1770.
Thomas a Son born 1772.
Ann Boylstone a Daughter Born Novr. 23^{d}. 1774. She died.
Elihu, a Son born September 24th. 1777.
Rebecca Hollis, daughter of Nathaniel Hollis & Rebecca his wife born 1777.
Elisha Thayer, son of Gaius Thayer & Sarah his wife born Feby 7th. 1778.
John Ruggles Hollis, son of Nathl. Hollis & Rebecca his wife born April 26th. 1778.
Katharine Hay Weld, daughter of the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld & Hannah his wife was born March 27th. 1777.
[33] The Children of Ezra Penniman & Eunice his wife.
Eunice, born August 28th. 1762.
Ruth, born October 22^{d}. 1763.
Ezra, born July 31st. 1765.
Hannah, born October 24th. 1767.
Joseph, born January, 13th. 1770.
Samuel, born March, 17th. 1772.
Asa, born August 26th. 1774.
Pheby Linsfield, daughter of David Linsfield Junr. & Esther his wife born, November 23, 1774.
Esther Linsfield, daughter of David Linsfield Junr. & Esther his wife born Jany 22, 1778.
Died December 1st. 1780.
The Children of Cap^{tn} Daniel Arnold and Jerusha his wife.
Joseph Neal, Arnold, born Octr. 10th. 1764.
Daniel Arnold, born October 21st. 1766.
Elizabeth Arnold, born Septr. 16th. 1770.
Jerusha Anold, born July 27th. 1774.
Elisha Anold, born March 28th. 1778
James Penniman, son of Enoch Penniman & Rebecca his wife born Apr^{l}. 22^{d}. 1777.
Phebe Curtis daughter to Saml. Curtis & Elizabeth his wife born Septr. 23^{d}. 1778.
Mary Adams, Daughter of Moses Adams & Mary his wife born August 6th. 1773.
[34] Mary and Joseph Holbrook, twins, of Lieut. John Holbrook & Anna his wife born March 2^{d}. 1778.
Mary died April 10, 1808.
Sherebiah Arnold son of Sherebiah Arnold & Deborah his wife born July 15th. 1778.
John Linsfield, son of Samuel Linsfield and Elizabeth his wife, born June 12th. 1778.
Zephaniah Sampson, son of Joshua Sampson & Rachel his wife was born November 20th. 1777.
Thomas Miller, son of Ebenezer Miller Esqr. & Elizabeth his wife was born Jany 27th. 1779.
Mary Penniman Daughter of Maj^{r}. Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife was Born March 17th. 1777.

Enoch Hunt, son of Caleb Hunt & Mary his wife born September 27th. 1778.

Mary Thayer, daughter of James Thayer, Jun. and Mehitible his wife Born Decembr. 15th. 1776.

James Thayer, Son of James Thayer Jun. and Mehitable his wife was Born October 31st. 1778.

Silas Spear, son of Isaac Spear and Elizabeth his wife was Born July 25th. 1776.

Charles Thayer, Son of Rachal Hollis, Born March 21st. 1779

[35] Nathaniel Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer Junr. & Rachel his wife born August 10th. 1779.

John Marsh, son of Jonathan Marsh, and Merriam his wife born April 30th. 1779.

Jonathan Wales, son of Jonathan Wales and Abigail his wife born April 5th. 1779.

Releif Penniman, daughter of Majr. Stephen Penniman & Sarah his wife was born Decr. 31, 1779.

Elizabeth Thayer, daughter of Elkanah Thayer and Mary his wife was Born, August 24, 1779.

Elizabeth Hayward daughter of David Person Hayward & Lois, his wife was born Septr. 24th. 1779.

Sarah Thayer, daughter of Gaius Thayer and Sarah his wife born Decembr. 14th. 1779.

Elizabeth Thayer Sampson, daughter of Joshua Sampson and Rachel his wife born November 9th. 1780. Died August 3d. 1787.

Children of Captn. Silas Hollis and Sarah his wife.

Sarah born February 16th. 1769.

Silas born July 16th. 1770.

Joseph born January 15th. 1772.

Daniel born February 15th. 1774.

Barnabas, born March 1st. 1776.

Charles, born January 15th. 1778.

John, born December 27th. 1779.

Children of Daniel Hollis and Esther his wife.

Elizabeth born February 6th. 1775.

Esther, born February 8th. 1777.

Nancy, born December 3d. 1778.

Jerusha born April 22d. 1780.

[36] John Hayward, son of David P. Hayward and Lois his wife Born January 25th. 1781.

The Children of Christopher Thayer Jur & Bethia his wife.

Christopher a son born December 26th. 1776.

Sarah a daughter born February 12th. 1779.

Joseph Adams a son Born May 18th. 1781.

Joseph Greenleaf Weld son of the Revd. Ezra Weld and Abigail his wife born July 14th. 1781.

Elizabeth French, daughter of Samuel French and Elizabeth his wife born November 8th. 1761.

The Children of Lieut. Robert Hayden and Elizabeth his wife.

Molly a Daughter born March 21st. 1765.

Susanna a daughter born May 3d. 1767
Robert A son born January 29th. 1769.
Charles, A son born Septr. 19th. 1770.
Priscilla A Daughter born July 10th. 1772
Samuel A Son born Decemr. 2rd. 1774.
Thomas Allen Hayden born Februay. 10th. 1777.
Mehetible A Daughter born July 1st. 1779
Josiah a son born May 31st. 1781.

The Children of Joseph Belcher and Susanna his wife.

Betsey a daughter was born Octr. 21st. 1763.
Mehitable a daughter was Born May 17th. 1765.
Susannah a daughter was Born June 24th. 1767.
Deborah a daughter was Born Decemr. 13th. 1769.
John a Son was Born Decemr. 24th. 1771.
Joseph a son was Born Decembr. 4th. 1773.
Daniel, a son was Born August 23d. 1776.
Elinor a daughter was born December 16th. 1779.
Hannah, a daughter was born December 13th. 1781
Jacob Allen, Son of Jacob Allen & Hepsibah his wife was born February 17th. 1780.
Abijah Allen, Son of Jacob Allen & Hepsibah his wife was born March 25th. 1782.
Phebe Thayer, Daughter of Gaius Thayer and Sarah his wife Born July 29th. 1781.
[37] Elkanah Thayer Son of Elkanah Thayer and Mary his wife was born Septr. 6th. 1781.
Thomas Thayer Son of James Thayer Jur. & Mary his wife was born October 7th. 1780
Jechonias Thayer, Son of James Thayer Jur. & Mary his wife was Born January 25th. 1783.
Theophilus Thayer, Son of Solomon Thayer Secd and Lydia his wife Born May 21st. 1781.

The Children of Andrew Hunt and Anna his wife.

Betsey a daughter and Daniel a Son which are twins, were born March 16th. 1777.
Joshua a son was Born April 5th. 1779.
Thomas a son was Born June 1st. 1781.
Ebenezer a son was Born August 30, 1783.

The Children of Jonathan Webb Secd and Nancy his wife.

Nancy a daughter born January 27th. 1776.
Sarah a daughter, born October 29th. 1777
Elizabeth a daughter born Sept. 24d 1779.
Abigail a daughter born June 2d. 1781.
Jerusha a daughter born Febry 13th. 1783.
Silas Thayer, son of Gaius Thayer and Sarah his wife was born June 8th. 1783.

The children of Elihu Penniman and Ruth his wife.

Adam, a son was Born, April 4th. 1778.
Ruth a daughter was Born July 18th. 1779.
Elihu a son was Born February 7th. 1781
Sarah a daughter was Born Novemr. 26th. 1782.

Samuel White Thayer, son of Samuel W. Thayer and Esther his wife was Born June ye 26th. 1783.

David Thayer, son of David Thayer and Anna his wife was born February ye 19th. 1784.

[38] Samuel Spear, son of Nathaniel Spear and Mary his wife was Born June 10th. 1783.

Francis Thayer son of Colo^{ll} Ebenezer Thayer Junr. and Rachel his wife was born, June 12th. 1784.

Joseph Blanchard son of Ephraim Blanchard and Anna his wife was born Febr^{y}. 16th. 1781.

Benjamin Stetson, son of Benjamin Stetson and Mary his wife was born Septr. 12th. 1766, and died December 12th. 1768.

The children of Benj^{in} Stetson and Mary his wife.

Benjamin a son was Born Novr. 6th. 1768.

Mary a daughter was Born, Septr. 14th. 1770.

Phebe, a daughter was Born, Novr 21st. 1773.

Josiah a Son was Born May 2^{d}. 1779.

John Thayer son of John Thayer S^{d} & Eunice his wife was born May 29th. 1783.

Elihu Thayer, son of Christopher Thayer Junr. and Bethiah his wife was Born May 1st. 1783.

Jonathan Bass, son of Mr. Samuel Bass and Sally, his wife was born Octr. 29th. 1784.

Salley French, daughter of Zenas French and Releaf his wife was Born Jany. 24th. 1783.

The children of Adam Hobart and Avis his wife.

Avis Hobart a daughter was born Feby 8th. 1774.

Adam, A son was Born March 18th. 1776.

Abraham, A son was Born August 21st. 1779.

Children of Jonathan Marsh and Miriam his wife.

Abigail a daughter was Born April 15th. 1781.

Mary, A daughter was Born April 28th. 1783.

Moses Reed a son was Born Jany 29th 1785.

Anna Thayer Daughter of David Thayer and Anna his wife Born August the eighth anno Domini 1785. N.B. this child was born after the decease of the Father, see the beginning of this book.

[39] Jonathan Linfield Son of David Linfield Jur and Esther his wife was Born March 9th. 1781.

Esther Linfield, a daughter of said David and Esther was Born July 5th. 1783.

Benjamin Niles, Son of Nathaniel Niles and Mary his wife was born Octr. 3^{d}. 1766.

Elizabeth Niles, daughter of Nathl. Niles and Mary his wife was born May 3^{d}. 1769.

John Niles, Son of Nathaniel Niles and Mary his wife was born August 8th. 1764.

Molley Thayer, daughter of John Thayer Sec^{d}. & Eunice his wife was born Decem^{r}. 22^{d}. 1784.

Joseph Thayer, Son of Ruben Thayer and Sarah his wife was Born April 29th. 1785.

Elisha Thayer, Son of Samuel White Thayer and Esther his wife was Born Septr. 15th. 1789.

The children of Uriah Thayer & Phebe his wife.

Phebe a daughter was Born, Jan^{ry} 31st. 1782.

Uriah a Son was Born March 13th. 1784.

Rachel, a daughter was Born Jany 23^{d}. 1786.

The children of Nathaniel Thayer & Dorcas his wife.

Dorcas Born April 2rd 1778

Mehetable, a daughter Born July 2rd. 1780.

Nathaniel a son Born Novr. 25th. 1781.

Lua, a daughter Born Septr. 16th. 1783.

Silvanus a son Born June 9th. 1785.

Rachal Thayer daughter of Gaius Thayer and Sarah his wife was Born, April 8th. 1785.

Lefe French, Daughter of Zenas French and Releaf his wife was Born Feby. 19th. 1785.

Hannah Vinton, Daughter of John Vinton Juner & Hannah his wife was Born March 12th. 1785.

[40] The children of William Glover and Mary his wife.

Edward a son was born March 13th. 1778.

William a son was Born Octr. 3^{d}. 1780.

Lydia Thayer, Daughter of James Thayer Jr. and Mary his wife was born August 29th. 1784.

Daniel Stetson a son of Benjamin Stetson and Mary his wife was Born April 25th. 1785.

The Children of Mathew Hunt & Winnefree his wife.

Winnefree a daughter Born March 22^{d}. 1779.

Ruth a daughter, Born March 30th. 1780.

Sally, a daughter Born Feby. 12th. 1784.

Otes a son Born Septr. 5th. 1785.

Samuel Niles Thayer, Son of Ebenezer Thayer Junior Esqr. & Rachel his wife was Born November 25th. 1786.

Barnabas Thayer, son of Jonathan Thayer Junr. & Betty his wife was born August 28th. 1783.

Jonathan, Son of said Jonathan and Betty was born Jany. 6th. 1786.

Esther Marsh, daughter of Jonathan Marsh and Miriam his wife was born November 25th. 1786.

Joseph French son of John French and Hannah his wife was born July 17th. 1785.

David Linfield, son of David Linfield Ju^{r}. and Esther his wife Born March 7th. 1786.

Bela Jordan, son of John Jordan & Elizabeth his wife was born April 11th. 1783.

[41] The children of Richard Thayer & Esther his wife.

Henry, a son was born October 28th. 1756.

Moses, a son was born July 26th. 1758.

Isaiah, a son was born Novr. 10th. 1760.

Elisha, a son was born August 31st. 1764.

Theodora, a daughter was born Novr. 5, 1766.

Richard, a son was born March 21, 1769.

Obediah, a son was born Febr^{y}. 23^{d}. 1772.
Zebediah a son was born, June 5th. 1774.
Lydia a daughter was born Septr. 22^{d}. 1776.
Nathaniel Emons a son born May 29th. 1778.
Abigail a daughter was born August 20th. 1781.
The children of Josiah Vinton and Anna his wife
Josiah a son Born July 27th. 1777.
Boylston a son Born Decr. 10th. 1779.
Thomas, a son Born Septr. 5th. 1781.
Abel, a son Born Jany. 1st. 1784.
Nancy Adams a daughter Born March 26th. 1786.
John Allen, son of Jacob Allen and Hephzibah his wife born January the 30th. 1784
Abijah Allen, son of Jacob Allen and Hephzibah his wife born August 20th. 1786.
Rebecca Hunt, Daughter of Andrew Hunt and Anna his wife Born March, 22^{d}. 1787.
The children of Moses Arnold & Sarah his wife.
John Vinton, a son Born Octr. 25th. 1774.
Moses, a son Born November 16th. 1777.
Samuel, a son Born Octr. 2^{d}. 1780.
Ralph, a son Born, April 29th. 1783.
The children of Samuel Linfield and Betty his wife.
Betty, a Daughter Born August 29th. 1781.
Hannah, a Daughter Born January 23^{d}. 1785.
Samuel, a Son Born December 18th. 1786.
The above three are Children of Samuel Linsfield & Betty his wife.
[42] The children of James Faxon Ju^{r} and Mary his wife.
Nathaniel, a son Born Febr^{y}. 17th. 1777.
Joseph a son Born January 21st. 1779.
Job, a son Born September 5th. 1780.
Charls a son Born March 1st. 1783.
William, a son Born Febr^{y}. 9th. 1785.
Polley, a daughter Born March 27th. 1787.
Joseph Blanchard, son of Ephraim Blanchard and Anna his wife was born Feby. 16th. 1781.
Sophia Hayden, a Daughter of Ziba Hayden & Delight his wife was born June 13th. 1785.
Benjamin Hollis, son of John Hollis Junr. & Polley his wife Born August 19th. 1787.
The children of Mr Seth Mann & Elizabeth his wife
Rachel a Daughter Born Februy. 11th. 1757.
Mary a daughter Born, December 19th. 1758.
Samuel a son Born September 13th. 1760.
Sarah, a Daughter Born July 11th. 1762.
Anner, a daughter Born May 18th. 1764.
Stephen, a son Born March, 11th. 1766.
The children of Mr Seth Mann & Debora his wife.
Job a son Born March 26th. 1769.
Elisha, a son Born Feby. 4th. 1771.

Phebe, a daughter Born September 19th. 1772, (1772)
Olive a Daughter Born August 9th. 1774.
Esther, a Daughter Born Feb^ry. 9th. 1776.
John a son Born November, 18th. 1777.
Children of Wil^m Brackett and Marcey his wife.
Susannah a Daughter Born Jany. 25th. 1774.
Allice, a Daughter born Novr. 6th. 1775
[43] The children James Holbrook & Rhoda his wife.
Rhoda, a Daughter, Born, March 2d. 1775.
Lucy, a Daughter Born May 20th. 1778.
James, a Son born July 18th. 1780.
David a son born August 6th. 1782.
Nancy a Daughter born August 8th. 1784.
Samuel, a Son born November 8th. 1786.
The children of Jacob Hayden & Elisabeth his wife.
Betey a Daughter Born November, 16th. 1781.
Louis, a Daughter born Septr 30th. 1784.
Eunice a Daughter born September, 17th. 1787.
The Children of Mr Nathaniel Holbrook & Ruth his wife
Nathaniel a son born January 8th 1780.
Benjamin a son born October 19th 1781.
Ruth a daughter born April 30th 1783.
Polley a daughter born December 30th 1784.
Esther a daughter born September 4th 1786.
The Children of Mr. Nehemiah Holbrook and Elizabeth his wife.
Betty a Daughter born March 26th. 1769.
Caleb, a son born July 25th. 1771.
Joshua, a son born October 14th. 1773.
Rebekah, a Daughter born December 21st. 1775.
Polley, a Daughter, born March 23d. 1779.
Micah Littlefield son of Mr. Aaron Littlefield & Mariba his wife born July 12th. 1786.
[44] The Children of Mr. Seth Mann Ju^r & Deborah his wife.
Polley, a Daughter born March 5th. 1771.
Relief a Daughter born May 3d. 1773.
Salley, a Daughter, born January 23d. 1778.
Ruth, a Daughter born July 27th. 1779.
Seth a Son born April 4th. 1781.
Micah a son born June 25th. 1785.
Tryphena a Daughter born September 13th. 1787.
Samuel a son born Feby. 16th. 1783.
The Children of Mr. Joseph Hunt & Molley his wife.
Joseph a son born September 2d. 1777.
Thomas, a son born October 1st. 1779.
Polley a Daughter, born Feby. 27th. 1781.
Moses, a son born May 17th. 1782.
Betey a Daughter born June 1st. 1784.
Salley, a Daughter born October 9th. 1785.
The Children of Mr. Isaac Smith and Keziah his wife.
Edmond a son born August 13th. 1761.

Keziah, a Daughter born October 6th. 1763.
Isaac a son born Feby. 6th. 1766.
Elethia a Daughter born December 2d. 1771.
Ziba, a son born January 3d. 1780.
Lemuel, a son born May 7th. 1782.
Simeon a son born December, 2d. 1784.
Sarah Milton Daughter of Mr. Robert Milton and Anna his wife Born April 17th. 1776

[45] Barnabas Hollis son of Mr. Barnabas Hollis & Huldy his wife born Novr. 18th. 1779.

The Children of Mr. Bethuel Penniman and Huldy his wife.
Prince a son born February 1st. 1785.
Susanna, a Daughter Born Sept 18th. 1786.
Bethuel, a son born May 8th. 1787.
Esther Thayer, daughter of Samuel White Thayer and Esther his wife born January 19th. 1788.
Martha Baxter daughter of Edward W. Baxter and Rhoda his wife born September 11th. 1784.
Elizabeth Baxter another daughter born Novr. 6, 1786.
Esther Field Baxter, another daughter born April 18th. 1788.
Dorcas Thayer, daughter of Nehemiah Thayer & Sarah his wife, born July 20th. 1787.

Children of Jacob Denton & Mary his wife.
Jacob, a son born August 20th. 1784.
Mary, a daughter born May 13th. 1786.
Gideon, a son born August 5th. 1787.
Abigail Allen daughter of Lemuel Allen & Molley his wife born September 27th. 1788.

Children of Nathaniel Glover and Abigail his wife.
Josiah a son born August 5th. 1784.
Abigail a Daughter born Octr. 23d. 1785.
Delight a Daughter born Septr. 2d. 1787.
Joseph French, son of Joseph French was born at Bridgwater October 11th. 1788.

[46] Ebenezer Alden, son of Doctr. Ebenezer Alden and Sarah his wife born March 17th. 1788.

Edmund Marsh, son of Jonathan Marsh, and Miriam his wife born October 22d. 1788.
Zabdiel Thayer, a son of Elkanah Thayer and Mary his wife born December 31, 1783.
Susanna Thayer, a Daughter of Elkanah Thayer & Mary his wife born March 7th. 1786.
Eunice Thayer, a Daughter of Elkanah Thayer & Mary his wife born July 12th. 1788.

The children of Joseph Arnold & Ruth his wife.
Joseph a son born May the 20th. 1779.
Ruth a daughter born January, 6th. 1782.
Rachel, a daughter born November 24th. 1784.
Atherton Thayer, a son born November 7th. 1787.
Sally Turner, daughter of Seth Turner Junr. and Abigail his wife born October 6th. 1788.

Jonathan Hayward, son of Daniel Hayward and Mary his wife was born Jan^{ry}. 2, 1786.

[47] The persons hereafter Recorded on this and the next page were first recorded on pages 21 & 22 the leaf being torn out they are again entered.

James Brackett son of James Brackett, Junr. and Mary his wife was born July 30th. 1769.

Joseph Hunt, son of Asa Hunt and Rebecca his wife was born December 14th. 1768.

Eben Vesey Gay son of Oliver Gay and Abigail his wife was Born November 18th. 1768.

Elisha French son of Elisha French and Mary his wife was born November 5th. 1768.

Bettee Hayward the daughter of Joshua Hayward and Abigail his wife was born February 20th. 1770.

Silva Thayer, daughter of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born April 18th. 1768.

Adonijah Thayer son of Abia Thayer & Elizabeth his wife was born October 29th. 1770.

Elizabeth Capen, daughter of Samuel Capen & Elizabeth his wife was born May 2^{d}. 1768.

Samuel Capen son of Samuel Capen and Elizabeth his wife was born, November 3^{d}. 1769.

Mary Hobart, daughter of Adam Hobart and Mary his wife was born December 4th. 1766.

Releif Hobart, daughter of Adam Hobart and Mary his wife was born April 29th. 1769.

Edmund Billings son of Edmund Billings and Theodora his wife was born July 1st. 1769.

Samuel Weld, son of the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld, and Anna, his wife was born May 9th. 1770.

the foregoing is a true copy from Page 21,

Attest, Eben^{r} Thayer Junr. Town Clerk.

[48] The Children of Daniel Nash and Rebecca his wife.

Susanna a daughter born July 31st. 1760

Enoch Wiswell Nash, a son born Augst. 17th. 1762.

Daniel Nash, a son born October 21st. 1764.

Joshua Nash, a son born May 25th. 1767.

Sarah Nash, a Daughter born July 15th. 1769.

The Children of Clement Hayden and Hannah his wife.

Jerusha Hayden, a daughter born December 28th. 1763.

Hannah Hayden a daughter born November 11th. 1765.

Jeremiah Hayden, a son born August 23^{d}. 1768.

Stephen Penniman, son of Stephen Penniman and Sarah his wife was born January 15th. 1768.

Zubah Penniman, daughter of Stephen Penniman and Sarah his wife was born May 5th. 1770.

Jonathan Payne, son of Ebenezer Payne and Sarah his wife was born March 10th. 1770.

Benjamin Clark, son of Peter Clarke and Hannah his wife was born February 26th. 1770.

John Holbrook, son of John Holbrook, and Anna his wife was born November 3d. 1769.
Allethea Hollis, daughter of John Hollis and Allethea his wife was born November 22d. 1769. Died.
Stephen Thayer son of Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. and Rebecca his wife was born January 2rd. 1770.
Hooker Baxter, son of Newton Baxter and Hannah his wife was born December 12th. 1764.
Rufas Baxter, son of Newton Baxter and Hannah his wife was born February 12th. 1767.
William Thayer, son of Christopher Thayer Junr. & Bethiah his wife was born November 25th. 1767.
Mary Baker, daughter of Doctr. Moses Baker, and Mary his wife was born July 6th. 1764.
Moses Baker, son of Docter Moses Baker and Mary his wife was born May 31st 1767.
A true copy Examd. by Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Town Clerk.

[49] The Town again made choice of Genl. Thayer for their Clerk, he then informed them that he had Recorded but a very few Births for the two years past and that he had not taken any pay for those he had Recorded, he offered the Town to Record all the Births, without any pay provided he might be furnished with the names and ages, from their parents or any other person.

The Children of Lieut. Jonathan Baxter and Susanna his wife.
Sarah Baxter a Daughter born March 5th. 1771.
Jonathan Baxter a son born June 12th. 1773.
Samuel Baxter, a son born August 2d. 1775.
Abigail Baxter, a daughter born September 12th. 1777.
Susanna Baxter a daughter born August 9th. 1780.
Lydia Baxter, a daughter born May 6th. 1783.
Lucy Baxter, a daughter born December 15th. 1785.

The children of Lieut. Micah White and Sarah his wife.
Sally White, a daughter born October 6th. 1784.
Calvin White, born September 5th. 1786.
Charlottee White, born September 5th. 1788.

The children of Benjamin Dyer Decd. and Esther his wife.
Esther Dyer born November 12th. 1748, the mother.
Nathaniel Dyer, born April 30th. 1767.
Esther Dyer, born March 23d. 1772.
Samuel Dyer, born October 10th. 1774.
Ebenezer Denton, was born Feby. 6th. 1757.
Sarah Penniman, now Sarah Denton born July 2d. 1764.

Their Children are as follows.
Sarah Denton, a Daughter, born, April 7th. 1783.
Polley Denton a Daughter, born March 30th. 1785.
Elizabeth Denton, a Daughter born October 1st. 1787.
Ebenezer Denton, a son born February 18th. 1790, he died March 19, 1790.
Ruth Thayer, Daughter of Atherton Thayer and Ruth his wife was born July 11th. 1758.

Rachel Thayer, Daughter of Atherton Thayer, and Ruth his wife was born October 27th. 1760.

The Children of Ebenezer Penniman and Ruth his wife.

Ebenezer Penniman a Son born September, 4th. 1765.

Atherton Penniman, a son born July 6th. 1768.

Daniel Penniman, a son born November 6th. 1771.

Elizabeth Hobart Penniman a Daughter born March 28th. 1774.

[50] The Children of Solomon Thayer Secd & Betsa his wife.

Jeckanias a son born July 24, 1786.

Betsa a daughter born May 26th. 1789.

The Children of Simeon Howard & Hipsebah his wife.

Sarah Howard a daughter born June 7th. 1768.

Hephzibah Howard a daughter born Augst. 13, 1773.

Thomas Howard, a son was born January 14, 1785.

The Children of Richard Thayer Sd & Poley his wife.

Poley Thayer, a daughter, Born May 29th. 1781.

Joel Thayer, a son Born January 4th. 1784.

Betsey Thayer, a daughter Born September 22d. 1786.

Saley Thayer, a daughter Born March 28th. 1788.

Jonathan Denton son of Jacob Denton and Mary his wife was born November 2d. 1789.

Salley Howard, daughter of Abiezar Howard and Salley, his wife was born November 4th. 1786.

Deborah White, (now Hobart) daughter of Thomas White born March 4th. 1756.

The children of John Hobart & Deborah his wife.

John Hobart, a son born August 2d. 1779.

Agustus Hobart a son born November 11th. 1781.

Lydia Hobart, a daughter born May 4th. 1784.

Charlotte Hobart, a daughter born May 3d. 1787.

Betsey Hobart, a daughter born April 23d. 1790

Joseph Mann, son of Jos. Mann born June 22d. 1760.

Mary Mann, daughter of Peter Dyer born July 23d 1761.

The children of Joseph Mann Jr. and Mary his wife.

Joseph Mann a son born Novr. 17th. 1781.

Isaac Mann, a son born Novr. 16th. 1784.

Jonathan Mann, a son born Decembr. 7th. 1786.

Mary Mann, a daughter born July 11th. 1789.

[51] The children of Aaron Hayward Jr. & Mary his wife.

Ruth Hayward a Daughter born July 18th. 1762.

Ebenezer Hayward a son born May 18th. 1764.

Hayward born July 23d. 1770.

The Children of Aaron Hayward Jr. and Alathia his wife.

Mary Hayward, a daughter, born May 30th. 1778

Phebe Hayward, a daughter, born June 13th. 1780.

Salley Hayward, a daughter born August 24, 1782.

Samuel Hayward a son born September 1st. 1788.

The Children of Joseph Spear and Sarah his wife.

Salley Spear, a daughter was born June 9th. 1765.

Joshua Spear, a son was born November 30th. 1767.

Eunice Spear, a daughter born, February 6th. 1771.

Joseph Spear, a son was born April 28th. 1777.
Charlotte Spear, a daughter was born April 11th. 1779.
Zebe Spear, was born September 14th. 1784.
Otes Spear, was born, August 14th. 1789.
The Children of Isaac Thayer and Sarah his wife.
Isaac Thayer a son was born October 26th. 1763.
Salley Thayer, a daughter born January 27th. 1765.
Isaac Thayer and Rachel his wife.
Vashti Thayer, a daughter born February 21st. 1771.
Shadrack Thayer, a son born July 22d. 1776.
Eunice Thayer a daughter born August 21st. 1778.
Isaac Thayer and Hannah his wife.
Polley Thayer, a daughter was born March 15th. 1786.
John Thayer, a son was born Febry 13th. 1788.
The Children of James Tower and Elizabeth his wife.
Elizabeth, Tower, a daughter was born March 5th. 1775.
James Tower, a son was born March 4th. 1777.
John Tower, a son was born April 20th. 1779.
Ruth Tower, a daughter was born April 15th. 1781.
William Tower, a son was born, May 3d. 1783.
Deborah Tower, a daughter was born July 25, 1785.
Mary Tower, a daughter was born Decemr. 30, 1787
Rachel Tower, a daughter was born March 27th. 1790.
[52] The children of Captn. Elisha Wales and Lydia his wife
Elisha Wales, a son Born April 25th. 1777.
Relief Wales a daughter born June 18th. 1780.
Lydia Wales a daughter born April 2d. 1785.
Polly Wales, a daughter born April 18th. 1789.
The Children of Benjamin Mann and Hannah his wife.
Benjamin Mann, a son born December 3d. 1776.
Hannah Mann, a daughter born December 18th. 1778.
Joshua Mann, a son born December 7th. 1780.
Betsey Mann, a daughter born February 17th. 1783.
Rachel Mann, a daughter born March 17th. 178
The children of Silas Clark and Betsey his wife.
Betsey Clark, a daughter born March 2d. 1786.
Paul Clark, a son born July 30, 1787.
Almerin Clark, a daughter born February 2d. 1789.
The children of Isaac Niles and Eunice his wife.
Jacob Niles, a son was born on March 31st. 1770.
Joshua Niles, a son was born January 17th. 1772.
Eunice Niles, a daughter was born Feby. 5th. 1774.
Salley Niles, a daughter was born July 1st. 1783.
The Children of Atkins Clark and Ruth his wife.
Dorcas Clark was born July 4th. 1772.
Ruth Clark was born May 24th. 1774.
Nathaniel Clark, was born March 22d. 1776.
Atkins Clark, was born December 26, 1778
Amasa Clark, was born February 4, 1780.
Charlotte Clark, was born February 17, 1782.
Isual Clark was born May 10th. 1784.

Azubah Clark, was born April 3d. 1786.
Otes Clark, was born July 21st. 1788.
I have enter'd the names as they were wrote in the paper delivered to me.
Ruth Ludden daughter of Benjamin Ludden Jr. and Ruth his wife was born Nov. 12th. 1772.
Abigail Ludden, daughter of Benjamin Ludden Jr. and Ruth his wife was born Decr. 23d. 1774.
[53] The Children of Thomas West and Marcy his wife.
George West, a son born April 23d. 1761.
Rebecca West a daughter born December 30th. 1762.
Timothy West, born November 15th. 1764.
Obadiah West, born August 10th. 1766.
Robert West, born October 9th. 1768.
Marcy West, born October 1st. 1770.
Hannah West, born October 17th. 1772.
Peleg West, born March 1st. 1775.
John West, born March 3d. 1777.
The Children of John Burridge and Mary his wife who was Mary Spear daughter of Samuel and Mary Spear born 27th July 1760.
Polly Burridge, Born May 28th. 1780.
John Burridge, born August 18th. 1781.
Samuel Burridge, born April 5th. 1784.
Hannah Burridge born July 27th. 1787.
Elizabeth Burridge, born March 1st. 1789.
Timothy Thayer, son of Reuben Thayer & Sarah his wife born Febry. 2d. 1773.
Ambros Salisbury, son of William Salisbury & Lydia his wife born March 2d. 1742.
Sarah Whitman, daughter of Abia Whitman & Sarah his wife, of Weymouth born Oct. 17th. 1752.
Their Children.
William Salisbury, a son born April 6th. 1775.
Ambrose Salisbury, a son born December 26th. 1776.
Mary Salisbury, a daughter born April 1, 1779.
Sarah Salisbury a daughter born March 25th. 1781.
died in Sept 12th. 1793.
Abiah Whitman Salisbury a son born June 30th. 1783.
Abigail Salisbury, a daughter born August 18th. 1785.
Stephen Salisbury a son born May 31st. 1787.
died in Sep. 19, 1793
Lydia Salisbury a daughter born Sept. 2d. 1789
Rebecca Allen Bowditch daughter of Jonathan Bowditch and Rebecca his wife born August 9th. 1793.
Thomas Field son of Thomas Field and Silence his wife born October 7th. 1793.
[54] The children of Ebenezer Niles and Elizabeth his wife.
Ebenezer a son was born Septr. 17th. 1768.
Lydia a Daughter was born April 6th. 1773.
Asa, a son was born February 10th. 1777.
Salley, a daughter was born January 18th. 1779.

Elizabeth a daughter was born January 14th. 1781.
Mehitable a daughter was born October 27th. 1782.
Robert Thayer son of Napthli Thayer and was born June 22d 1765
Bethuel Thayer son of Napthli Thayer, and was born August 1, 1771.
Benjamin Thayer, son of Robert Thayer and Rebecca his wife was born, Novr. 20th. 1786.
John Thayer son of Robert Thayer and Rebecca his wife was born, April 11th. 1790.
The children of Capt. James Clark and Mary his wife.
Sarah a Daughter was born March 29th. 1768.
Josiah a son was born May 11th. 1770
William a son was born June 16th. 1774.
Elizabeth, a daughter was born March 7th. 1778.
The Children of Joshua French and Esther his wife.
Esther, a Daughter was born Novr. 1st. 1756.
Joshua, a son was born March 9th. 1758.
Prudance, a Daughter was born March 29th. 1759.
Sarah, a Daughter was born December 14th. 1760.
John a son was born March 26th. 1762.
Hannah a Daughter was born October 19th. 1763.
Rachal, a Daughter was born June 30th. 1765.
Charlottee a Daughter was born July 5th. 1767.
Jeddee, a Son was born December 20th. 1770
Hettee, a Daughter was born Septr. 9th. 1772.
Elizabeth a Daughter was born Septr. 10th. 1779.
Wales, a Son was born Decem. 10th. 1782.
[55] The children of Eliphaz and Deliverance Thayer
Deliverance a Daughter born May 14th. 1785.
Salley, a Daughter born April 13th. 1787.
Isaiah, a Son born March 2d. 1789.
Hannah Wales, daughter of Thomas Wales & Hannah his wife was born June 27th. 1779.
Lydia Wales daughter of Thomas Wales & Hannah, his wife was born April 18th. 1782.
Thomas Wales, Son of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife was born January 5th. 1786.
Polly Wales a Daughter of Thomas Wales and Mary his wife was born September 2d. 1790.
Eunice Denton, Daughter of Ebenezer Denton and Sarah his wife was born February 23d. 1791.
John Hunt, son of Andrew Hunt, and Anna his wife was born October 11, 1789.
Susanna Thayer daughter of Solomon Thayer and Susanna his wife was born January, 8th. 1772.
Silence Hayward daughter of David P. Hayward and Lois his wife born February 12th. 1791.
Avis French, daughter of Zenas French & Releif his wife born May 31, 1789.
Mary Thayer, daughter of Samuel White Thayer and Esther his wife born January 23d. 1791.

Henry Bass Alden, son of Doct^{r}. Eben^{r}. Alden & Sally his wife was born June 7th. 1791.
Ebby Rawson son of Jonathan Rawson and Mary his wife was born July 5th. 1788.
Jonathan Rawson son of Jonathan Rawson and Mary his wife was born November 1st. 1789.
Mary Rawson, daughter of Jonathan Rawson and Mary his wife was born Septr. 12th. 1791.
[56] The children of Micah Wild and Deborah his wife.
Micah, a Son born April 22^{d}. 1758.
Deborah, a daughter Born August 15th. 1759.
Rachel, a daughter Born May 15th. 1761.
Elether, a daughter, Born November 13th. 1762. Died Decr. 19, 1784.
Thomas a son was Born July 3^{d}. 1764.
Bethiah, a daughter was Born July 27th. 1766.
Pearson, a son was Born April 30th. 1768.
Barnabas, a son was Born October 20th. 1770.
Ruth, a daughter was Born January 10th. 1772.
Jurisha a daughter was Born May 9th. 1774.
Zenas, a son was born February 10th. 1776.
Samuel, a son was born August 22^{d}. 1780.
William Farnham Howland Weld son of the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld and Mary his wife was born January 22^{d}. 1792.
Margery Hayward daughter of Daniel Hayward and Mary his wife was born June 10th. 1790.
The Children of Lieut. Nathaniel Wales and Mary his wife.
Nathaniel a son Born October 7th. 1779.
Benjamin a son Born March 5th. 1782.
Polly, a daughter Born October 4th. 1784.
John Waldo, a son Born January 25th. 1788.
The Children of Matthew Pratt and Chloe his wife.
Polley, a daughter Born December 12th. 1778.
Abigail a daughter, Born October 25th. 1780.
Anna, a daughter, Born July 16th. 1782.
Warren a son Born January 8th. 1784.
Royal a Son Born May 13th. 1786.
Deborah a daughter, Born May 2^{d}. 1788
Elizabeth a daughter Born April 4th. 1790
Ezra Thayer, Son of Samuel W. Thayer and Ester his wife was born September 18th. 1793.
The children of Major Stephen Penniman and Sarah his wife
Sarah, was born January 11th. 1766.
Stephen, was born January 15th. 1768.
Zubah, was born May 5th. 1770.
Ama, was born November 1st. 1772.
Dorcas, was born January 7th. 1775.
Mary, was born March 17th. 1777.
Releif was born December 31st. 1780.
Betsy was born, March 30th. 1782
Hannah was born, August 17th. 1788.

Charlotte Thayer, daughter of Uriah Thayer Junr and Phebee his wife was born August 25th. 1788.
Ephraim Thayer son of Uriah Thayer Junr. and Phebee his wife was born May 31, 1791
Samuel Hayward son of David Person Hayward and Lois his wife Born October 5th. 1792.
Nancy Thayer, daughter of Elkanah Thayer and Mary his wife was born October 15th. 1790.
Jacob Thayer, son of Elkanah Thayer and Mary his wife was born, January, 25th. 1793.
James Denton son of Jacob Denton and Mary his wife was born March 26th. 1793.
Esther Derby Daughter of Jonathan Derby and Esther his wife was born Sept. 17th 1790
Evelina Derby, daughter of Jonathan Derby and Esther his wife was born July 18th. 1792.
Lydia Salisbury, who is now the wife of Philip Thayer was born, April 22^{d}. 1752.
[58] The Children of Philip Thayer and Lydia his wife.
Stephen a son Born September 14th. 1778.
Theodor, a son Born October 29th. 1780.
Lydia, a daughter, Born May, 4th. 1783.
Philip a son Born October 4th. 1785.
Warren a Son Born January 19th. 1789.
Elias a son Born April, 30th. 1792
Molly Allen daughter of Lemuel Allen and Nancy his wife was born March 10th. 1794.
Caleb Hayward son of Caleb Hayward Esqr. & Deborah his wife was born November 4th. 1794.
William Bowditch son of William Bowditch and Joanna his wife was born August 18th. 1794.
The children of William Wild and Rachel his wife.
John a son was Born December 15th. 1781.
Rachel, a Daughter was born August 10th. 1784.
Calven a Son was born March 28th. 1787.
Daniel a son was born October 9th. 1784.
Salley Thayer, daughter of Uriah Thayer Junr and Phebe his wife was born June 22^{d}. 1793
Rhoda Lovell daughter of Stephen Lovell and Rhoda his wife was born January 22^{d} 1795.
Ruth Parkhus Hunt, daughter of Caleb Hunt, & Sarah his wife was born October 4, 1794
Susanna Bowditch daughter of Jonathan Bowditch and Rebecca his wife was born April 15th. 1795.
[59] Ebenezer Denton son of Jacob Denton and Mary his wife was, born August 12th. 1795.
Amos Hobart Hunt, son of Caleb Hunt and Sarah his, wife was born March 27th. 1796.
Mehitable Miller Soper daughter of Edmund Soper & Rebecca his wife was born February 12th. 1796.
The Children of Benjamin Wales and Susanna his wife.

Benjamin was born April 25th. 1788.
Asaph was born May 20th. 1790.
Allen was born July 10th. 1792
Elizabeth was born February, 6th. 1795.
The Children of Doct. Daniel Fogg and Susanna his wife.
Jeremiah Parson, was born July 23d. 1785.
Ebenezer Thayer, was born, July 9th. 1787. died July 31, 1790.
Samuel Atherton was born, July 7th. 1790. he died Augst 13th. 1796.
Stephen Minott Thayer, was born, July 17 1792 he died Decr. 6, 1792.
Stephen Minott Thayer, was born March 28, 1795.
Rachel Lovel, daughter of Stephen Lovel and Rhoda his wife was born May 21, 1796.
Children of Eliot Clark and Hannah his wife.
Hannah a Daughter born September 18th. 1770.
Joseph a son was born August 12th. 1772.
Elizabeth a daughter was born February 18, 1776. - died.
Sarah, a daughter was born June 27, 1781.
Samuel a son was born February 22d. 1784.
Mary a daughter was born July 28, 1786.
John Clark a son was born October 20th. 1789. died.
Elizabeth a daughter was born August 16th. 1779.
[60] Children of Paul Wild and Rachel his wife.
Atherton Wild, born April 6th. 1786.
Nathaniel Wild born, May 21st. 1789.
Rachel Thayer Wild, born May 30th. 1791.
Ruth Wild born, July 7th. 1793.
Sarepta Wild born October 30, 1795.
Anna Thayer Daughter of Samuel W. Thayer and Esther his wife was born June 29, 1796.
Rachel Veazie Daughter of Lemuel Veazie Junr. and Phebe his wife was born, April 1, 1796.
Elizabeth Sampson, Daughter of Joshua Sampson and Susanna his wife was born December 15th. 1791.
Isaac P. Sampson Son of Joshua Sampson and Susanna his wife was born December 12th. 1794.
Jonathan Bowditch son of Jonathan Bowditch & Rebecca his wife was born March 30th. 1797.
The Children of Benjamin Thayer and Chloe his wife.
Jenney a daughter born December 12th. 1783.
Luther, a Son born March 25th. 1786.
William a Son born Novr. 15th. 1788.
Melvin, a son born October 4th. 1791.
Benjamin a Son born Jan. 8th. 1794.
Ebenezer White Hayward son of Caleb Hayward Esqr. and Deborah his wife was born May 21st. 1798.
Hannah Jackson Thayer, daughter of Atherton Thayer Esqr. and Sarah his wife was born March 2d. 1796.
Nehemiah Randall Holbrook, son of Nehemiah Holbrook Junior and Sarah his wife born November 24th. 1796.

[61] The Children of Gideon Thayer Sec^{d}. & Betsey his wife.
Gideon a son born November 9th. 1769.
he died October 19, 1770.
Betsy, a daughter born December 5th. 1771.
Cotton, a son Born August 11th. 1773.
Percy, a daughter born July 7th. 1775.
Asaph, a son born June 26th. 1777.
Deborah, a daughter born July 5, 1779.
Eli a son born May 30th. 1782.
Sophia, a daughter born August 14th. 1784.
Lilley a daughter born June 2^{d}. 1787.
Esther Holbrook, daughter of Jonathan Holbrook & Esther his wife was born July 11, 1788.
Susanna Hunt daughter of Caleb Hunt and Sarah his wife was born Feb^{ry} 4, 1798.
The Children of Amasa Wade Jun. & Hannah his wife.
Amasa, a son Born February 20th. 1795.
Marcy, a daughter born Sept. 20, 1797.
The Children of Increas Bates and Metilda his wife.
Matilda, a Daughter born July 29th. 1786.
Sarah a Daughter born November 4th. 1788
Jonathan a Son born September 9th. 1790.
Ira a son born October 14th. 1792.
Permelia a daughter born April 22^{d}. 1795.
died when she was 17 mo. old
William Hayden Thayer, Son of Uriah Thayer and Phebe his wife was born August 3, 1799.
[62] The Children of Job Hayden and Percey his wife.
Polly a Daughter born June 16th. 1797.
Percey, a Daughter, born March 28, 1799.
Eli Thayer a son born May 21, 1801.
Nicholas Thayer, son of Demetrius Thayer & Sarah his wife was born March 12th. 1801.
Ruth Bass Bowditch daughter of Jonathan Bowditch and Rebecca his wife was born March 1, 1802.
Susanna Sampson, daughter of Joshua Sampson & Susanna his wife was born Decr. 11th. 1801.
Gideon F. Sampson son of Joshua Sampson & Susanna his wife was born October 15th. 1797.
The Children of Ebenezer Denton & Sarah his wife.
Ebenezer, born January 22^{d}. 1792.
William, born January 2^{d}. 1794.
John, born, July 15th. 1797.
The Children of Capt. Thomas Hollis & Lydia his wife.
Thomas a son born January 14th. 1773.
Lydia, a daughter born July 1st. 1774.
Mary, a daughter born February 25, 1776.
Rachel a daughter born June 8th. 1777.
Hette, a daughter born, August 12th. 1779.
David, a son born April 1st. 1782.
Tila, a daughter born November 4th. 1784.

Ruth, a daughter born June 5th. 1789.
Caleb, a son born January 17th. 1795.
Sally Veazie, daughter of Lemuel Veazie & Phebe his wife was born October 21, 1797.
Anna Allen, daughter of Lemuel Allen & Anna his wife born December 1st. 1797.

[63] Those Births hereafter recorded on this and the following page were first recorded on pages 19 & 20, the leaf being torn out, they are again inserted.

Susanna Ludden, daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Ruth his wife born August 20th. 1768.
Joanna Ludden, daughter of Benjamin Ludden & Ruth his wife born January 31st. 1770.
Alice Belcher, daughter of Nathaniel Belcher & Lydia his wife born March 29th. 1770.
Prudence Jones, daughter of Moses Jones & Dorothy his wife born January 7th. 1768.
Mary Jones, daughter of Moses Jones & Dorothy his wife born February 10th. 1770.
Ezra Thayer, son of Uriah Thayer & Deborah his wife born January 25th. 1770.
Ruth White, daughter of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife was born May 20th. 1758.
Simeon White son of Capt. John White & Ruth his wife was born July 11th. 1769.
John Glover, son of Nathaniel Glover & Mary his wife born August 13th. 1769.
Joshua Hobart, son of Joshua Hobart & Sarah his wife was born September 13th. 1767.
Sarah Hobart, daughter of Joshua Hobart & Sarah his wife born September 14th. 1767.

The Children of Mr. Noah Thayer and Margaret his wife.

Shadrach, a son born May 18th. 1759.
Experiance, a daughter born April 28th. 1761.
Michael, a son born May 13th. 1765.
Maribah, a daughter born May 1st. 1769.
Meshach a son born March 29th. 1772.
Leah, a daughter born April 8th. 1774.

[64] Hannah Spear, daughter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife was born, April 22d. 1761.
Rachel Spear, daughter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife was born November 28th. 1762.
Stephen Spear, son of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife born August 18th. 1764.
Phebe Spear, daughter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife born September 28th. 1766.
Alice Spear, daugter of Deering Spear & Hannah his wife born March 8th. 1769.
Richard Spear, son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born, August 16th. 1759.

Barnabas Spear son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born April 4th. 1761.

Deering Spear, son of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born July 28th. 1763.

Barzilla Spear, son of Richard Spear, & Elizabeth his wife born, October 25th. 1765.

Elizabeth Spear, daughter of Richard Spear & Elizabeth his wife born March, 2d. 1768.

Rebecca Vinton, daughter of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born May 4th. 1767.

Samuel Vinton son of John Vinton & Hepzibah his wife born May 18th. 1769. died December, 8th. 1786.

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Elijah Hayden, son of Ebenr. Hayden and Ann his wife born July 12th. 1785.

Alexander Hayden, son of Ebenr Hayden and Ann his wife born February 6th. 1782.

[65] Ludovicus Wild son of William Wild Junr. and Rachel, his wife was born September 4th. 1802

Olive Withington, daughter of Joseph Withington and Olive his wife was born December 12th. 1802.

William Bowditch, son of William Bowditch & Joanna his wife was born Novr. 23d. 1796.

Rebecca Miller Thayer, daughter of Atherton Thayer Esqrs. & Sarah his wife was born March 15th. 1798.

Rachel Sampson daughter of Joshua Sampson Junior & Lucy his wife was born, March 31, 1798.

Elizabeth Denton, daughter of Jacob Denton & Mary his wife was born August 26th. 1798.

The Children of Calvin Thayer & Sarah his wife.

Calvin a son born May 8th. 1793.

Elihu a son born March 18th. 1796.

Silas Thayer son of Samuel White Thayer, & Esther his wife was born, October 21st. 1798.

Nathaniel White Hollis, son of Nathaniel Hollis & Rebecca his wife born February, 16th. 1798.

Children of Capt. Ebenezer Clark & Ruth his wife.

Ebenezer, a son born June 8th. 1779.

Ruth, a daughter born December 2d. 1781.

Mary, a daughter born July 24th. 1784.

Abagail, a daughter born June 10th. 1787.

Sarah, a daughter born January 3d. 1790.

Benjamin Agar, a daughter born March 28th. 1792.

James a son born September 2d. 1794.

[66] The children of Elisha Thayer & Sarah his wife.

Mary, born January 7th. 1801.

Elisha Niles born October 29th. 1802.

Elizabeth Curtis Glover, daughter of John Glover and Phebe his wife born January 2d. 1799.

Mary Field Glover, daughter of John Glover and Phebe his wife was born December 4th. 1800.
Eunice Bowditch, daughter of Jonathan Bowditch & Rebecca his wife was born August 8th. 1799.
Stephen Lovell son of Stephen Lovell & Rhoda his wife was born April 21st. 1799.
Atherton Thayer Lovell, a son was born May 7th. 1801.
Elizabeth Lovell, a daughter born August 18th. 1803.
Ann Reed, daughter of William Reed & Elizabeth his wife was born January 21st. 1789.
Paul Wild, son of Paul Wild & Rachel his wife was, born March 23d. 1800.
Beaulah Thayer, daughter of Solomon Thayer & Aletheah his wife was born February 20th. 1788.
Amelia, a daughter born February 15th. 1790.
Polly Thayer, daughter of Nehemiah Thayer & Polly his wife was born January 8th. 1800.
Polly Thayer, daughter of Phillip Thayer & Lydia his wife was born April 13th. 1794.
Nathaniel Augustus Barrett, son of Maj. John Barrett & Elizabeth his wife was born at Braintree July 10th. 1800.
[67] Ebenezer Harmon son of Ebenezer & Nabby Harmon was born November 7th. 1799.
Daniel Denton son of Jacob Denton and Mary his wife was born January 6, 1801.
Zephaniah Sampson, son of Joshua Sampson Junior & Lucy his wife was born December 17th. 1799.
Joshua, a son born November 14th. 1801.
Susanna Thayer, daughter of Samuel W. Thayer & Esther his wife was born February 9th. 1801.
Children of S. Cheesman & Lucy his wife.
Sarah, a daughter born June 11th. 1784.
Lucy, a daughter born March 14th. 1790.
Mary, a daughter born Septr. 14th. 1791.
Stephen, a Son born June 7th. 1793.
Children of Elihu Hunt & Mary his wife.
Minott, a son born October 4th. 1797.
Mary a daughter born January 8th. 1801.
Children of David Holbrook & Mehitable his wife.
Edmund Soper, a Son born October 25th. 1793.
Jesse, a son born April 11th. 1795.
Martha, a daughter born December 11th. 1796.
Mehitable a daughter born January 25th. 1799.
Children of Joseph Veazie & Mary his wife.
Joseph born October 13th. 1791.
Polly, born November 17th. 1793.
Lydia born November 21st. 1796.
Henry, born December 10th. 1797
Benjamin born August 19th. 1799.
Susanna born February 8th. 1803.

Sarah Holbrook daughter of Nehemiah Holbrook Junr. & Sarah his wife was born September 13th. 1802.

[68] The Children of Peter Dyer & Eunice his wife.

Ezra a son born November 7th. 1796.

Joseph a son born January 27th. 1798.

Asa, a son born May 27, 1799.

Samuel a Son born November 21st. 1800.

Rebecca French Denton, Daughter of Jacob Denton and Mary his wife was born Feby. 16th. 1804.

Ruth Bass Bowditch daughter of Con. Jonathan Bowditch & Rebecca his wife was born March 3^{d}. 1802.

The Children of Lieut Ambrose Salisbury & Sarah

Ruth born December 4, 1791.

Sarah Reed, born February 24, 1794.

Stephen Milborn born Oct. 11th. 1796

[140] 1788 Intentions, of Marriages Enter'd, from page 273.

March 10th. Seth Turner Junr. & Abigail Wales both of this Town

April 8th. Seth Spear and Abigail Marsh both of this Town

April 14th. Aminidab Hayden of this Town & Isabel Gloyd of Abington.

April 19th. Richard Belcher of this Town, & Sarah Nash of Abington.

May 3^{d}. Eliphalet Chandler and Becca Newcomb both of this town.

May 21st. Benjamin Linfield and Hittee French both of this town.

July 26, Beazer Thayer and Eunice Hayward both of this town.

July 26, Peter Burrell and Bethiah Wild both of this town.

Augst. 13th. Isaac Hunt, and Serenia Peakes both of this town.

Septr. 27th. Gillford Field & Nancy Hayward both of this town.

October 4th. Jeffrey Richardson of Boston & Rebecca Brackett, this Town.

October 18th. Thomas White & Polly Devenport Packard both of this Town.

October 20th. Noah Whitcomb Junr. & Phebe Mann both of this town.

October 23^{d}. John Bright of Boston & Mary Adams 2nd of this Town.

October 25th. Elisha Wild of Fairlee in the State of Vermont & Abigail Faxon of this Town.

Novr. 26th. Thomas Cook of this Town & Suzey Pratt of Weymouth.

Decr. 5th. William Linsfield 3^{d}. of this town & Zilpah Howard of Stoughton.

Decr. 6th. Eli Hayden and Charlotte Soper both of this Town.

31st. Rev^{d}. Jacob Norton of Weymouth & Elizabeth Cranch of this Town.

1789 January 17th. Lemuel Capen of Stoughton, & Michal Thayer of this Town.

29th. Eli Farrington of Dedham and Hannah Adams of this Town.

February 14th. George Mears and Mary Western both of this Town.

February 27th. Asa Wild, and Anna Wales of this Town.
March 27th. James Field of this Town & Maryaha Buckman of Boston.
April 11th. Nathaniel Savil & Hannah Hayden both of this town.
1789, May 13th. Elias Spear & Mary Dyer both of this Town.
May 16th. Samuel French & Susanna Penniman both of this Town
May 28th. Bartholomew Thayer of Peterborough State New Hampshire and Elizabeth Blanchard of this town
[141] June 5th. Henry Turner Gay and Nancy Baxter both of this town
July 12th. Neddy Curtis and Hannah Wise both of this Town.
July 18th. Joseph Curtis, and Mary Penniman both of this town.
August 13th. Caleb Thayer and Anna Holbrook both of this town.
Septr. 4th. Jonathan Spear and Alice Thayer both of this Town.
Septr. 13th. Daniel Arnold and Charlotte Cleverly both of this Town.
John Madden Junr. of Stoughton & Abigail Jones of this Town.
October 2d. Nathaniel Hayward & Elizabeth Hayden both of this Town.
October 18th. Silas Veazie of this Town & Abigail Sander Walker of Pembroke.
October 25th. Asa Clark of Boston & Mary Allen of this Town.
Decr 26th. Elisha Turner and Mary Adams both of this Town.
1790 Janry. 23d. Ephraim Hunt and Vashti Thayer both of this Town.
Febry. 20th. Caleb White and Mehitable Randel both of this Town.
March 1st. Silas Payne and Lydia White both of this Town.
March 6th. Elijah Thayer and Eleanor Thayer both of this Town.
8th. Oliver Hayden and Huldah Hayward both of this Town.
13th. John Whitcomb and Bettee Porter both of this Town.
19th. Abel Holbrook & Elizabeth Capernaham both of this Town.
27th. Elihu White of this town & Sarah Lond of Weymouth.
30th. Elijah Wild, and Susanna Belcher both of this town
Silas Cheesman and Hannah Thayer both of this Town.
April 1, David Stearns of Milford & Joanna Adams of this Town.
5th. Joseph Cranch, and Elizabeth Palmer of this town.
10 Timothy Sloane and Polley Silvester both of this town.
17, Francis Newcomb and Betsey Gardner both of this Town.
Peter Hartwick and Mary Peck both of this Town.
1790, April 29th. Joshua Sampson of this Town and Susanna Parkis of Boston.
May 1st. Richard Peirce, and Sarah Hayden of this Town.
[142] May 22d. Enoch Horton and Bersheba Harmond both of this Town.
28th. Revd. Asa Packard of Marlborough and Nancy Quincy of this Town.
July 9th. Revd. Ezra Weld of this Town and Mrs. Mary Fuller of Plympton or Carver.
July 24th. Nathaniel French Junr. and Eunice Spear both of this Town.

31st. Ebenezer Penniman Junr. and Alletheah Hollis both of this Town.
August 8th. Seth Burrill and Joanna Brackett both of this Town.
8th. John Ruggells Newcomb and Polley Pratt both of this Town.
Septr. 4th. Asa Copeland and Abigail Hollis both of this Town.
11th Solomon White of this Town and Rhoda Brayman of Norton.
20th. Elijah Bradley and Polly Jones both of this Town.
21st. Revd. Jonathan Strong of this Town and Joanna Odiorne of Exeter, Newhampshire.
Octor. 2d. Abijah French of Boston and Sarah Clark of this Town.
16th. Thomas Pool of Weymouth and Susanna Wild of this Town.
James Wait and Eunice Niles of this Town.
17th. William Pratt, of Weymouth & Ruth Wild of this Town.
30th. Joshua Lovel of Weymouth & Patience Tower of this Town.
Novr. 6th. Lieut. Benjamin Hayden of this Town & Miriam White of Weymouth.
6th Member Newcomb & Susanna Brackett both of this Town.
12th. Lot Wade of Weymouth & Naomi Thayer of this Town.
24th. Moses French Junr. and Eunice Vinton both of this Town.
Decr. 18th. Caleb Hobart secd. and Elizabeth Faxon both of this Town.
24th. James Dill of Weymouth & Judith Hayden of this Town.
25th. Thomas Wild and Jemima Wild, both of this Town.
1791 Janry. 7 William Kimball, of Boston & Ruth Tower of this town.
Janry. 15, Ransle Jones & Rhoda Stevens both of this town.
Febry. 19, Joseph Henery of Stoughton & Lydia Tower of this Town.
[143] 1791 March 7th. Richard Thayer and Sally Turner both of this Town.
19th. Samuel Nightingale 2d. and Babiah Ellise both of this Town.
22, Joseph Veazie and Mary Copeland both of this town
April 3d. Calven Thayer and Sally Penniman both of this Town.
8th. Silvanus French and Zubah Penniman both of this Town.
10th. Joseph Field and Releaf Baxter both of this Town
May 7th. Stephen Randall of this Town and Lydia Greenleaf of Hull.
28th. Zenas French and Ruth White both of this town
28th. Samuel Stetson and Caty Taft both of this town.
June 18th. William Baxter and Abigail Newcomb of this Town.
25th. Zebedee Randall and Elizabeth Madden of this Town.
30th. Joshua Spear of this Town & Hannah Tucker of Stoughton.
July 15th. Henery Hardwick and Sarah Spear both of this Town.
23d. Stephen Randall of this Town & Polly Hassell of Hingham.
23d. Luther Thayer of Weymouth & Nancy Stetson of this town.
30th. Thomas Hayden and Avis Hobart both of this Town.
Augst. 7th. William Hooker of Brooklyn & Elizabeth Barry of the Town.
Sept. 10th. Ephraim Marsh of Boston & Rachel White of this Town.
Octr. 6th. Lemuel Clark and Phebe Spear both of this Town.

Novr. 12th. David Holbrook & Mehitable Soper both of this Town.
Dec^{r}em. 2^{d}. Micah Thayer Junr. & Martha Harmon both of this Town.
29th. Thomas Toleman of Stoughton Sarah Wales of this Town.
1792 January 22^{d}. Abel Hayden and Lydia Niles both of this Town.
28th. Moses Wales and Bettsy Howard both of this Town
Feb^{ry}. 4th. Adonijah French & Mary Taft both of this Town.
1792, February, 17th. Joseph Kingman & Polly Thayer both of this Town
March 3^{d}. Samuel Askhorn & Sally Hayward both of this Town.
17 Jedidiah French of this Town & Phebe Wales of Winchendon.
23^{d}. Elijah Hayward 4th. of Bridgwater & Molly Hayden of this Town.
24th. Jonathan Belcher and Abigail Thayer both of this Town.
28th. William Allen Junr. and Naby Hayden both of this Town.

[182] Deaths.

The Revrd. Mr. Samuel Niles Pastor of the 2^{d}. Church of Braintree, Died May th1st. 1762, in the 88 year of his age & 51st. of his Pastorate.
Capt. Richard Faxon, Died May the 5th. 1768.
Anna Faxon, his widow died October 16th. 1769.
The Widow Elizabeth Arnold, Died September 12th. 1769.
Silas Hunt, Died November 21st. 1767.
Silence Hunt, his widow died November 28th. 1769.
Peter Marquand died, May 27th. 1772.
Josiah French died November 15th. 1760.
Samuel French, his Brother Died January 11th. 1770.
Mary French, who had been Discompos^{d}. many years Died March 5, 1770.
Elisha Thayer a young Gentleman greatly esteemed; in Company with a Lady to Barbadoes to whose family he had been Preceptor, Died at Barbadoes February 1st. 1774.
Elisha Niles Esq. a Gentleman much esteemed and Improved in the Town in many Offices of publick Trust, as Town Clerk, & Treasurer he served twenty three years successively & continued in said Offices to the Day of his Death which was, July 1st. 1776.
Ebenezer Miller son of Ebenezer Miller Esqr. Died March 25th. 1776.
Eunice Soper, daughter of Maj^{r} Edmund Soper died Septr 23^{d}. 1774.
Maj^{r}. Edmond Soper, Died September 27th. 1776.
Captn. Ebenezer Thayer, Died November 2^{d}. 1777.
Moses Adams, Died October 9th. 1778.
Sherebiah Arnold, Died June 13th. 1778.
Ebenezer Coddington Thayer, son of Ebenezer Thayer Jun. Died August 25th. 1775, aged 4 months & 25 days.
The widow Sarah Silvester Died April 16th. 1778 with the small pox.

Miss Sarah Marquand wife of Mr Zachariah Marquand died June 16th. 1778, with the Small pox.

Mr. Zachariah Marquand, died September 21st. 1787, on his passage from South Carolina & was buried in the Sea not far from Cape Cod.

Rebecca Thayer, wife of Hon. Ebenr. Thayer Esqr. died Decem. 3d. 1784.

[183] Hannah Holbrook the wife of Mr. Ichabod Holbrook died April 18th. 1775

Mr. Ichabod Holbrook, Died Feby. 23d. 1788, after a very short illness.

Mrs. Ruth Pope, wife of Mr. Joseph Pope of Boston, died at Ebenezer Thayer Junr. in Braintree, Augst. 22d. 1775, aged 20 years & 6 months.

Mrs. Abigail Weld wife of the Revd. Ezra Weld died July 3d. 1788.

Doctr. Moses Baker died with a Consumption, November 30th. 1781, in the 43 year of his age.

Decn. James Penniman died May 24th. 1788, aged 82 years.

Jonathan Bass Esqr. died May 12th. 1790, aged 57 years.

Mr. James Thayer, died, June 19th. 1790 — aged.

Captn. Nathaniel Wales, died June 26th. 1790, aged 73 years one month and 15 days, died in apt. fit.

Elizabeth Thayer daughter of the above James Thayer died with a Consumption December, 4, 1790, aged 19 years, 9 months.

Noah Thayer, died with a Consumption Decr. 3, 1790, aged.

Caleb Holbrook died with a nervous fever sick only 9 days, aged 26 yrs 5 mo. March 16th. 1791.

Nathaniel French died with a nervous fever sick only 4 days, aged 54 years, died Septr 24, 1791.

Sarah Thayer, wife of Nehemiah, died Janry. 6th. 1792.

Elizabeth Thayer, daughter of Elkanah died Jany 8th. 1792, with a Billious fever, aged 12 years.

An Infant child of Nehe. Thayer died Janry 11th. 1792

Eliot Clark died with a Consumption, Janry 11th. 1792.

Anna Thayer, wife of Caleb Thayer died April 5th. 1792.

Ebenezer French died April 6th. 1792. his death was occasioned by a fall from the head of a Schooners mast the evening before, when she was Launched.

William Bowditch died, February, 5th. 1793.

[232] Marriages.

Ebenezer Miller Esqr. of Braintree, & Elizabeth Hamock of Boston were married by the Revd. Mr. William Walter May the 27th. 1770.

Seth Copeland, & Lydia Kingman were married by the Revd. Anthony Wibard April 3d. 1755.

Ebenezer Thayer ters. of Braintree & Rachel Thayer of Boston were married by the Revd. mr John Hunt Febry. 4th. 1773.

Marriages by the Revd. Ezra Weld.

M'h. 29, 1774, Oliver Thayer & Ruth Hunt both of this Town.

Apr^{l}. 21, 1774, Richard Goss, of Newbury Port & Susanna Allen, this town.

May 5th. 1774, Elijah Thayer Junr. & Phebe Thayer both of this Town.

June 21 1774 Rev^{d}. Oakes Shaw of Barnstable & Susanna Hayward this Town.

July 20, 1774, Ebenezer Hayward of this Town & Susanna Byram, Bridgwater.

Septr. 1, 1774, James Denton and Ruth Hunt both of this Town.

Octr. 13th. 1774, John Scudder of Boston & Elizabeth Thayer of this Town.

Decr. 1, 1774, John Wilson and Allice Peaks, both of this Town

Decr. 4, 1774, Samuel Croxford of Roxbury & Lydia Thayer of this Town

Decr. 6th. 1774, Caleb Hunt & Sarah Holbrook both of this Town.

Decr. 12th. 1774, James Tower & Elizabeth Whitmarsh both of this Town.

Decr. 19th. 1774 Lemuel Field & Susanna Thayer both of this Town.

March 16, 1775, Micah Thayer Junr. & Prissellah Orcut of this town.

April 6th. 1775, Rev^{d}. Nathaniel Emmons of Wrentham & Deliverance French.

Augt 19, 1775 Captn. James Faxon & Mary Denton both of this Town.

Jany 1, 1776, John Field & Ruth Thayer both of this Town.

Feby. 23^{d}. 1776, John Tower & Mehittable Thayer both of this Town.

Feby 23^{d}. 1776, Daniel French & Rebecca Thayer both of this Town.

April 1, 1776, Caleb Hunt & Mary Thomas both of this Town.

Ap^{r}. 29, 1776 Solomon Barber of Weymouth & Deborah Faxon of this Town.

May 3^{d}. 1776, Nathaniel Hollis & Rebecca Hobart both of this Town.

[233] Marriages by the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld.

Septr. 3^{d}. 1776, James Thayer Junr. & Mehittable Brackett both of this Town.

Septr 12th 1776, William Crain, of Boston & Sarah Thayer of this Town.

Octr. 27th. 1776, Josiah Vinton, and Ann Adams both of this Town.

Novr. 28th. 1776, Nathaniel Thayer & Dorcas Faxon both of this Town.

Jany. 8th. 1777, Lieut. Joshua Hayward & Bethiah Bicknell both of this Town.

Jany. 19th. 1777, John Vinson of Weymouth, & Rebecca Clark of this Town.

Feb$_{p}$ 19th. 1777, Jackson Field & Lydia Copeland both of this Town.

Feb$_{y}$ 6th. 1777, Joseph Allen & Hittee Holbrook both of this Town.

Mh. 27th. 1777, Jacob Allen & Hipzabeth Vinton both of this town.

June 29th 1777, Peter Dyer and Thankfull Thayer both of this Town.

Augst. 10th. 1777, Sherebiah Arnold & Deborah Thayer both of this Town.
August 20th. 1777, Mesheck Penniman & Ruth Dwelle both of this Town.
Septr. 17th. 1777, John Hobart & Deborah White both of this Town.
Octr. 7th. 1777, Decon Jonathan Webb, & Elizabeth Jones both of this Town.
Octr. 23^{d}. 1777, Edmund Soper & Rebecah Thayer both of this Town.
December 11th. 1777, Moses Nash Ju^{r}. of Weymouth & Rachel Cowing of this Town.
February 9th, 1778, Ebenezer Clark Junr. & Ruth Wild both of this Town.
April 25th. 1778, Joseph Arnold & Ruth Thayer both of this town.
June 4th. 1778, Philip Thayer & Lydia Salisbury both of this Town.
Novr. 18th. 1778, David P. Hayward & Lois Hayward both of this Town
Decr. 4th. 1778, Nathaniel Wales Ju^{r}. & Mary Hayden both of this Town.
Janu^{ry} 3^{d}. 1779, Ephraim Blanchard & Anna Capen both of this Town.
Janu^{ry} 5th. 1779, John Reede of Weymouth & Rachel Clark of this Town.
March 5th. 1779, Howlen Cowing & Rachel Hollis both of this Town.
May 3^{d}. 1779, Micah Newcomb & Susanna Randol, both of this Town
Sept. 2^{d}. 1779, Zebah Thayer & Hanna White of this Town.
Octr. 26th. 1779, James Thayer Junr. & Mary Thayer both of this Town.
Octr. 26th. 1779 Solomon Thayer & Lydia Thayer both of this Town.
Novr. 18th. 1779, Jonathan Holbrook & Esther Hollis both of this Town.
Feb^{ry} 3^{d}. 1780, Silas Stetson of Situate & Patty Milton of this Town.
April 16th. 1780, Micah Wild Ju^{r}. Mary Cowing both of this Town.
May 9th. 1780, Samuel White Thayer & Esther French both of this Town.
May 9th. 1780, Jonathan Thayer Ju^{r}. & Betty Faxon both of this Town.
July 15th. 1781, Jonathan Arnold & Lydia Allin both of this Town
Octr. 21st. 1781, Epraim Milton, & Sarah Downing both of this Town.
Octr. 25th. 1781, John White, & Hannah Thayer both of this Town.

[234] Marriages by the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld.

1781, 25 Octr. John White & Hannah White both of this Town.
1782, 5 Feby Caleb Hunt & Elizabeth Orcut both of this Town
11 Feby. John Hayward & Ruth Hayden both of this Town.
21, Joshua French & Lucy Thayer both of this Town.

24 John White of Abington, & Susanna Clark of this Town.
18th April, Zenas French & Releif Thayer both of this Town.
2d May, Isaac Horton of Dorchester & Esther Wild of this town.
27th Novr. Charles Whitmarsh & Anna Faxon both of this Town.
1783, 9 Jany. Ephraim Blanchard Jur. & Sarah Hayden both of this Town.
11, May, Amos Samson of Duxbury & Joanna French of this Town.
21st. Samuel Ludden & Elizabeth Jones both of this Town.
29 June, Francis Faxon & Dorcas Wild both of this Town
11 Augt. Stephen Chesseman & Lucy Noyes both of this Town.
20 Ebenezer Holbrook & Elizabeth Hayden both of this Town.
28 Lemuel Field, & Ruth Hunt both of this Town.
25 Sept. Samuel Horton of Milton & Mary Hollis of this Town.
1783, 16 Octr. David Thayer & Anna French both of this Town.
1784, 1 Jany. Hobard Clark & Mary Vinton both of this Town.
19 Feby. Joseph Marshel of Dorchester & Rebecca Harmon of this Town.
11 May Jacob Denton & Mary French both of this Town.
16 George Groom of Boston & Lydia Copland of this Town.
20th. Ebenezer French & Lucy Cleaverly both of this Town
10 June, Joshua Briggs of Pembrook & Mary Lovel of this Town.
9 July Caleb French & Relief Faxon both of this Town
29 Octr. Dr. Daniel Fogge & Susannah Thayer both of this town.
1785 14 Jany Randal wild & Sarah Hunt both of this Town.
2 March, Silas Wild Jur. & Abigail Thayer both of this Town.
12 Septr. Solomon Thayer & Elizabeth Thayer both of this Town.
16 March, Daniel Hayward & Mary Denton both of this Town.
10 April Paul Wild, & Rachel Thayer both of this Town
1786, 11 May, Levi Hayden & Hannah Jones both of this Town
7 Octr. Enos Ludden & Sarah Thayer both of this Town.
13 Novr. Anthony Hunt & Martha F. Pope both of this Town
28 Samuel Spear & Elizabeth Baxter both of this Town.
1783, 11 Decr. Samuel Copland & Ruth Whitmash both of this Town.
25th. John Hunt Jur. & Hannah Hunt both of this Town.

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1787, 18 Febry Abraham Thayer Jur. & Lydia Thayer, both of this Town
11 March, Seth Thayer & Mary Thayer both of this town
8 April Benjamin Wild & Silva Thayer both of this Town.
21, Isaac Field & Joanna Ford both of this Town.

Marriages by the Revd. Mr. Ezra Weld.

1787, Septr. 1, 1787 Nehemiah Hayden and Rachel Hollis both this town.
Decr. 5th. 1787, William Warner of Boston & Martha Hunt of this Town.
16th. 1787, Phineas Thayer & Anna Quincy Hunt both of this Town.
1788 Janry. 1, 1788, Lemuel Allen & Polly Glover both of this Town.

April 17th. 1788 Nathaniel Dyer, & Prudence Jones both of this Town.
Augst. 24th. 1788, Peter Burrel & Bethiah Wild both of this Town
Novr. 9th. 1788, Thomas White & Polly Devenport Packard both of this Town.
20 1788, Beazer Thayer & Eunice Hayward both of this Town
Decr. 16, 1788, Gilford Field Junr. & Nancy Hayward both of this Town.
14th. 1788, Joseph Blodget & Ruth Bosson.
1789 Febry. 6th. 1789 Eli Hayden and Charlotte Soper.
March 17th. 1789, Asa Wild and Anna Wales.
May 7th. 1789, Nathaniel Savil and Hannah Hayden.
June 14th. 1789, Samuel French and Susanna Penniman.
Augst. 7th. 1789, Elias Spear and Mary Dyer.
Octr. 29th. 1789, Joseph Curtis and Mary Penniman.
Novr. 26th. 1789 Nathaniel Hayward and Elizabeth Hayden.
1790 Febry. 7, 1790 Asa Clark and Polly Allen.
May 6th. 1790 Caleb Thayer and Anna Holbrook.
May 11th. 1790, Elijah Thayer and Elanor Thayer.
24th. 1790, Oliver Hayden and Huldah Hayward.

[236] Marriages by the Revd. Anthony Wiberd.

1786, 5 Jany. Nathan Mann of Scituate & Abigail Billing of this Town.
15 Charles Newcomb & Jerusha Adams both of this town.
17 Sept. John Newcomb & Rebecca Brackitt both of this Town.
19 Octr. Silvanus French & Hannah Thayer both of this Town
7 Novr. Thomas Anas of Milton & Elizabeth Cleverly of this Town.
19 Decr. Col. Edward Hayward of Bridgwater & Abigail Hayward of this Town.
25 Ralph Pope of Dorchester & Elizabeth Nash of this
1787, 15 July, Jedidiah Adams & Esther Field both of this Town.
22 Novr. Israel Cook of Watertown & Hannah Rawson of this town.
29 Jackson Field & Molley Newcomb both of this town.
25 Decr. William Aikens & Mary Clark both of this Town.

Marriages by the Revd. Mr. Wibert.

May 15, 1788, Seth Spear & Abigail Marsh Both of this Town.
June 8, 1788, Eliphalet Chandler & Becca Newcomb both of this Town.
Septr. 28, 1788, Isaac Hunt & Serena Peaks both of this Town.
Octr. 21, 1788, Jeffrey Richardson of Boston & Rebecca Brackett this Town.
Decr. 11, 1788, John Bright of Boston & Mary Adams of this Town
1789, Feb. 11 1789 Revd. Jacob Norton of Weymouth & Miss Elizabeth Cranch this Town.
March 25 1789, George Mears, & Mary Weston of this Town.
April 2, 1789 Eli Farrington & Hannah Adams of this Town.
May 3d. 1789, James Field of this Town & Mary Buckman of Boston.

Augst. 23^{d}. 1789, Henry Turner Gay & Nancy Baxter of this Town.
Augst. 31st. 1789 Neddy Curtis & Hannah Wise of this Town
Novr. 26th 1789, David Arnold & Charlotte Cleverly of this Town.
1790, Jan^{ry}. 17, 1790, Elisha Turner and Mary Adams of this Town
Mary 2, 1790 Joseph Cranch & Elizabeth Palmer of this Town
[237] Marriages by the Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Wibert.
1790, July 18th. Peter Hartwick and Mary Peck.
July 27, Rev^{d}. Asa Packard of Marlborough & Nancy Quincy of this Town.
Septr 5 John Ruggells Newcomb & Polly Pratt both of this Town.
Septr. 26, Seth Burrill and Joanna Brackett of Braintree.
Novr. 11 Abijah French of Boston and Sarah Clark of This Town.
Decem^{r}. 5 Remember Newcomb & Susanna Brackett of this Town.
1791, May 3^{d}. Joseph Field and Relief Baxter both of this Town
[238] May 12th. Samuel Nightengale 2^{d}. and Babiah Ellise of this Town.
Augst. 7th William Baxter and Abigail Newcomb, of this Town.
Augst. 30 Henry Hartwick and Sarah Spear of this Town.
Marriages by the Rev^{d}. Jonathan Strong.
1790 April 22^{d}. Silas Paine & Lydia White, of Braintree.
May 18th. Silas Cheesman and Hannah Thayer.
May 30th. John Whitcomb and Bettee Porter.
June 13th Caleb White, and Mehitable Randall.
August 12th. Elijah Wild and Susanna Belcher.
October, 31st. James Wait to Eunice Niles.
Novr 28, Thomas Pool and Susanna Wild
1791 Feb^{ry} 10, Ransle Jones and Rhoda Stephens.
March 6, Thomas Wild and Jemima Wild
March 20, Joseph Henry and Lydia Tower.
April 3^{d}. Richard Thayer and Sally Turner.
April 21, William Kimbell & Ruth Tower.
June 16, Samuel Stetson and Katharine Taft.
July 17th. Zebulon Randall and Elizabeth Madden.
September 18, Luther Thayer and Nancy Stetson.
October 9 William Hooker and Betsey Barry.
October 30 Zenas French and Ruth White.
November 27, Lemuel Clark, and Phebe Spear.
1792 February 20, Adonijah French and Mary Taft.
Feb^{ry}. 23, Thomas Toleman and Sarah Wales.
Feb^{ry}. 26 Abel Hayden and Lydia Niles.
Feb^{ry} 26 Moses Wales and Betsy Howard.
April 8 Samuel Asphinwall and Sally Howard.
April 8, Joseph Kingman and Polly Thayer.
[239] Marriages by the Rev^{d}. Ezra Weld.
1790 July 17, Jonathan Spear and Alice Thayer.
August 12 Enoch Horton and Bersheba Harmon.
October 8th. Asa Copeland and Abigail Hollis.
November 17, Elijah Bradly and Polly Jones.
December 3^{d}. Abel Holbrook and Elizabeth Capernaum.

9th. Moses French and Eunice Vinton.
1791, February 3d. Caleb Hobart and Elizabeth Faxon.
25th. James Dill and Judith Hayden.
March 4th. Lott Wade and Naomi Thayer.
April 28th. Silvenus French & Azubah Penniman of this Town.
Novr 17th. Thomas Hayden and Avis Hobart of this Town.
30th David Holbrook and Mehitable Soper of this Town.
1792, Feby. 14th. Calvin Thayer and Sarah Penniman of this Town.
April 12th. Jonathan Belcher and Abigail Thayer
May 10th. Nathaniel Whiting and Elisabeth Holbrook.
May 23d. William Allen Junr and Abigail Hayden.
Septr. 28th. Jedidiah French and Phebe Wales.
Novr 29th. Stephen Penniman Junr. and Releif Thayer.
Ephraim Marsh of Boston and Rachel White of Braintree were married by Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Esqr. Octr. 9th. 1791.

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1763, Septr. 24 Revrd. Mr. Ezra Weld of this Town & Miss Anna Weld of Attleborough.
30, Jedidiah Bass of this Town & Sarah Hall of Graftown
Octr. 14th. Robert Hayden & Elizabeth French both of this Town.
18th. Capt. Ebenezer Thayer & Sarah Neal both of this Town.
Novr. 26th. Epraim Wheeler a Resident of this Town & Nanny Gooch
26 James Ludden & Elizabeth Wales both of this Town.
1764, Febry. 4th Micah Newcomb & Molley Adams both of this Town.
11th. Benjamin Richardson & Lydia Pray both of this Town
18th. John Hall & Elizabeth Brackett both of this Town.
24th. Mr. John Adams of this Town & Miss. Abigail Smith of Weymouth.
March 10th Ebenezer Crane & Abigail Hunt both of this Town.
17 Urban Bates of Weymouth & Hannah Holbrook of Braintree.
31 Samuel Marsh Jr. & Elizabeth Chaddock both of this Town.
31 Jacob Nash of this Town & Margaret Hegin of Weymouth.
Apll. 7 Gershom Collier Copeland of this Town & Bettey Collier of Hull.
Apll. 19th. Moses Marsh & Jerusha Owen both of this Town.
Apll. 21 Abia Packard of Bridgwater & Eunice Hayward of this Town.
21 Capt. Epraim Hunt & Mary Crane both of this Town.
May 3d. John Mills 2d. & Ann Lothrop both of this Town.
June 3d Isaac Thayer & Abigail Thayer both of this Town.
July 7th. John Trask & Tabitha Orcut both of this Town.
7 Benjamin Hayward Jr. of this Town & Elizabeth Bird of Stoughton.
12 William Salisbury & Sarah Hunt both of this Town.
21 Benjamin Bass of this Town & Hannah Jones of Hull.
27th Abiezer Packard of Bridgwater & Mary Holbrook of this Town.
Augst. 10th. Seth Spear of this Town & Judith Adams of Milton.

17th. Thomas Fenton 3d. & Jerusha French both of this Town.
25th Joshua Thayer & Sarah Hunt both of this Town.
Octr. 27th Ebenezer Penniman & Ruth Thayer both of this Town.
Nov. 3d. Joseph Spear of this Town & Sarah Wales of Stoughton.
3d. Thomas Belcher & Sarah Brackett both of this Town
6 Clement Hayden Jr. & Sarah Penniman both of this Town.
(Decr. prob.) 2d. Joshua Hayward Jr. & Abigail Beal both of this Town.
3 Jonathan Green of this Town & Rachell Tirrell of Weymouth.
Jonathan Bradle of Dorchester & Mary Vesey of this Town.

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1762 June 26th. Collo Josiah Quincy & Miss Ann Marsh both of this Town.
July 3d. Josiah Thayer & Rebecca Hunt both of this Town.
29th. William Field of this Town & Abigail Beighton of Dorchester.
Augst. 21st. Zachariah Field & Sarah Savel both of this Town.
21st Nathaniel French & Silence Dyer both of this Town.
Septr. 4th. Mathew Hunt of Weymouth & Bethiah Pain of this Town.
16th. David Pain & Sarah Whitney both of this Town.
18th. Thomas Vinton & Mary Allen both of this Town.
Oct 17th. William Hobart & Abigail Curtis both of this Town.
24th. Ebenezer Vose, of Dorchester & Eunice Belcher of this Town.
24th. Abijah Hunt & Prudence Fitch both of this Town.
24th Mr. Richard Cranch of this Town & Miss Mary Smith of
Nov. 17th. Joseph Belcher & Susannah Baxter both of this Town.
26th Clement Hayden, & Hannah Blancher both of this Town.
Decr. 3d. Ephraim Thayer, of this Town & Phebe Porter of Stoughton.
1763, 10 George Dawson & Mary Vesey both of this town
10 Silas Hunt & Silence Thayer both of this town
24 David Hayden & Susannah Payn both of this town
Janry. 29, Benjamin Thayer Junr. of this Town & Hannah Howland of Pembroke.
29, Adam Hobart & Mary Thayer both of this Town.
Feb. 1st. Amariah Harris of Stoughton & Elizabeth Linsfield of this Town.
5 Doctr. Moses Baker & Mary Hayward both of this Town.
March 19th. Isaac Thayer Resident at Castle Wm. & Sarah Spear of this Town.
26 William Sharrar & Sarah Smith, both of this Town.
April 8th. Naphtali Thayer & Elizabeth Thayer both of this Town.
Palitiah Stevens, & Hannah Hayward both of this Town.
May 28th. Jesse Thayer & Deborah Niles both of this Town.
June 3d. Seth Copeland of this Town & Rebecca Joselyn of Abington.
4th. Peter Clark of this Town & Hannah Epes of Danvers.
25th. Palitiah Penniman of this Town & Hannah Taft of Mendon.
25th. Paul Clark & Elizabeth Nash both of this Town July, 3d. Banns forbiden.

30th. Edward Adams of Milton & Dorothy Spear of this Town.
Daniel Arnold of this Town & Jerusha Glover of Dorchester.
Septr. 23d. John Niles & Hannah Stetson both of this Town.
24th. Lieut. Saml. Wild & Widow Sarah Lovel both of this Town.
[255] 1764, Decr. 25th. Joseph Baxter of this Town & Ann Adams of Milton.
1765, January 12, Elijah Thayer of this Town & Mercy Burrell of Abington, Negatived.
Janry 25th. Joseph Richards of Stoughton, & Hannah Holbrook of this Town.
Janry 25th. Stephen Penniman & Sarah Holbrook both of this town
Janry 25th. Isaiah Pratt of Weymouth & Lydia Spear of this Town.
Febry. 1st. Sampson Dunbar of this Town Sarah Sash of Stoughton. Mollatto
9 Dean. Moses Belcher, & Abigail Baxter both of this town.
15th. Ebenezer Hayden & Rebecca Tower, both of this Town.
March 9th. Thomas Allen of this Town & Rachel Lane of Hingham.
23d. Isaac Spear & Elizabeth Fenton both of this Town.
23d. Joseph Blake & Comfort Thayer, both of this Town.
April 13th. John Berry of Dedham, & Abigail Smith of this Town
May 8th. William Noyes, & Hannah Blancher both of this Town.
13th. Elijah Thayer, & Hannah Hayden both of this Town.
12th. Ebenezer Field & Dorothy Coit both of this Town.
25th. Nehemiah Holbrook & Elizabeth Hobart both of this Town.
June 15th. Thomas Russell & Abigail Vinton, both of this Town.
29th John Daves & Mary George both of this Town.
July 6th. John Madden of Dedham & Charity Silvester of this Town.
Augst. 16, Mathew Pratt Jr. of this Town & Lydia Hunt of Weymouth.
Septr. 20, Elihu Adams & Thankfull White both of this Town.
Octr. 19th. George Mansfield a Resident & Rebecca Tompson of this Town.
19th. John Vinton, & Sarah Thayer both of this Town.
26th. Heart Peak & Elizabeth Blackman both of this Town.
26th. Silas Clark of Boston & Judith Pratt, of this Town.
Novr. 8th. Salter Soper, & Betty White both of this Town.
8th. Richard Newcomb, & Sarah Pain both of this Town.
8 Samuel Brackett & Rebecca Hayward, both of this Town.
Decr. 15 Capt. Benja. Beal of Braintree & Ann Robinson of Dorchester.
21, William Thayer & Susanna Dunham both of this Town.
1766, Janry. 10th. Peter Hunt of Weymouth & Abigail Hayward of this Town.
25 Thomas Forster Jr. of Dorchester & Judith Niles of this Town.
Febry. 15th. Timothy Smith, of Norton & Mary Bass, of this Town.
15th. Jesse Pratt & Joanna Adams both of this Town.
March 27th. Ezra Pratt of Weymouth & Abigail Clark of this Town.

April 5th. Jacob Thayer of this Town & Molley Pratt of Weymouth.
5th. Moses Nash, of Weymouth & Rebecca Tirrel of Braintree.
30th. Samuel Wallis of Boston & Elizabeth Miller of Braintree.
May 3d. Benjamin Dyer & Esther Carter both of this Town.
May 17th. Jonathan Wales of Stoughton & Abigail Penniman of this town.

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1766, June 7th. Simeon Hayward & Hepzibah Curtis both of this Town.
14th Samuel White of Weymouth & Priscilla Whitcomb of this Town.
21st. Ichabod Dyer & Molley Jones both of this Town.
30th. John Humphrey & Mary Hayden both of this Town.
July 4, Benjamin Stetson & Mary French both of this Town.
Aug. 23d. Theophilus Lyon & Anne Adams both of this Town.
30th. Joshua Hobart & Sarah Thayer both of this Town.
30th John Holbrook Jr. & Anna Wild both of this Town.
Septr 3d. Fitch Gibbens of Stoughton & Margett Hayward of this Town.
12th. Christopher Thayer of this Town & Bethiah Hunt of Weymouth.
Oct. 17 John Hall and Susanna Adams both of this Town.
Nov. 15th. Samuel Spear & Releif Thayer both of this Town.
Nov. 26th. Joseph White & Ruth Porter both of this Town.
29th. Samuel Jones, of Boston & Mercy Hayward of this Town.
Decr. 26, Thomas Faxon & Phebe Hayden both of this Town.
1767, Janry. 3d. Thomas Copeland of this Town & Hannah Whitman of Weymouth.
Janry 10th. Samuel Adams of this Town & Submit Crane of Milton. 12 forbidden.
Febry 21, Jacob Frieze & Vashti Colson both of this Town.
March 7th. Joseph Brackett & Rachell Marsh, both of this Town.
13th. John Ruggles & Miriam Clark both of this Town.
Apr. 4th. Micajah Pope of Stoughton & Sarah Whitney of this Town.
4th. Henry Field & Phebe Trask, both of this Town.
4th Samuel Arnold of this Town, & Mary Nash of Weymouth.
1767, April 11, Eliot Clark & Hannah Hobart both of this Town.
18 John Hayward of this Town & Mary Vinton of Stoughton.
May 1st. Samuel Capen & Elizabeth Holmes both of this Town.
2d. Ebenezer White & Alethea Hollis both of this Town.
June 13th. William Allen & Deborah Clark, both of this Town.
June 27th. John Delano, of Hanover & Sarah Arnold of this Town.
Aug 1st. Joseph Beal of this Town & Lilly Davis of Dorchester.
Septr 18th. Ezra Shaw, of Abington & Hannah Copeland of this Town.
Octr 23 Benjamin Ludden & Ruth Allen both of this Town.
Novr. 27th. Doctr. John Cleverly of this Town & Lydia Rawson of Milton.

Seth Baxter & Mary Saunders both of this Town.
[257] 1767, Decr. 4th. John Sumner of Stoughton & Elizabeth Hayward.
4th. William Ford of Stoughton & Sarah Hayden of Braintree
1768, Feby. 20, Ebenezer Niles of Braintree & Elizabeth Hunt of Weymouth.
March 12th. Gideon Thayer, & Bettee Wild both of this Town.
April 12th. Joseph Nightingale & Sarah Thayer both of this Town
May 6th. Nathaniel Belcher, & Bethiah Bass, both of this Town.
6th Josiah Marshal of Milton & Beulah Thayer of this Town.
June 3^{d}. Mr. Joseph White & Deborah Allen both of this Town.
26th. Seth Man & Deborah Dyer both of this Town.
July 30th. Bliss Tolman, & Elizabeth Thayer, both of this Town.
Augst. 6th. Thomas Belcher & Mary Copeland both of this Town.
20 Peter Boylstone Adams & Mary Crosbey both of this Town.
Sept 3^{d}. William Reed of Weymouth & Elizabeth Stammers of this Town.
10 Silas Hollis & Sarah Owen both of this Town.
17 Reuben Thayer & Sarah Linsfield both of this Town.
Jonathan Baxter & Susanna Field both of this Town.
Nov. 11th. Thomas Curtis of Boston & Nanny Ann Owen of this town.
24th. Micah White of this Town & Bettee Tolman of Bridgewater.
Decr. 11th Benjamin Cantrell a Resident & Elizabeth Caswell of this town.
26, William Penniman 3^{d}. & Catherine Hivell both of this Town.
1769, Janu^{ry}. 6th. Nedabiah Bent of Milton & Miriam Ruggles of this Town.
Feb^{ry} 18th. Jonathan Clark of this Town & Hannah Gloyd of Abington.
25, John Hawes of Stoughton & Amy Thayer of Braintree.
1769, March 11th Ickabod Holbrook Junr. & Elizabeth Niles both of this Town.
25th. William Moss of Middleborough & Susanna Clark of this Town.
April 4th. Isaac Niles & Eunice Herrick both of this Town.
May 6th. Philip Silvester & Molley Gooch both of this Town.
6th. Paul Thayer & Prudence Dyer both of this Town.
20th. Lemuel Spear & Ruth Hayward both of this Town.
26th. Josiah French & Anna Dyer both of this Town.
July 21st. Joseph Cleverly 2^{d}. & Molley Nash both of this Town.
28th. Jacob Wales & Phebe Hayward both of this Town.
Aug. 12th. Seth Man Junr. & Mary Hayward both of this Town.
Septr. 2^{d}. Nehemiah Hayden Jr. & Miriam Blancher both of this town.

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1769, Octr. 6th. Isaac Thayer & Rachel Sawen both of this Town.
13th. John Pool of Weymouth & Sarah Clark of this Town.
Novr. 4th. Capt. Moses Curtis of this Town & Hannah Belcher of Bridgwater.
Decr. 16th. Zebah Hayden & Sarah Allen both of this Town.

1770 Feby. 18th. Adam Hunt of Braintree & Hannah Studson of Scituate.
March 3^{d}. Daniel Corthrell & Ann Vinton both of this Town.
19th. Ebenezer Miller Esq. of this Town & Miss Elizabeth Hammock of Boston.
April 20th. Richard Peirce & Cozbi Hayden both of this Town.
21 Rufus Stetson & Comfort Thayer both of this Town.
May 5th. Andrew Hunt & Anna Spear both of this Town.
June 16th. Edward Faxon & Zerniah Thayer, both of this Town.
30th Zaccheus Thayer & Deborah Man both of this Town.
Aug. 18th. Isaac Stevens of this Town & Hannah Hunt of Hingham.
25th. Ephraim Jones & Abigail Thayer both of this Town.
Septr. 15th. Ebenezer Thayer 4th. & Deborah Wild both of this Town.
29th. Moses Adams of this Town & Mary Reed of Weymouth.
Octr. 22^{d}. Daniel Hayward & Elizabeth Wales both of this Town.
27th. Nathaniel White of Weymouth & Sarah White of this Town.
Novr. 3^{d}. Jeremiah Niles & Abigail White both of this Town.
3 Benjamin Torey, & Sarah White both of this Town.
9 Solomon Barber of Boston & Polley Pray of this Town.
15 Silas White of Weymouth & Sarah Ludden of this Town.
6th. Samuel Bagley of this Town & Naomi Curtis of Stoughton.
6 Israel Beal of Dorchester & Ruth Hayward of this Town.
Decr. 1 John Marshal of Milton, & Elizabeth Hayward of this Town.
1 Peter Newcomb, & Elizabeth White both of this Town.
3 Benjamin Field of this Town & Deborah Savil of Dedham.
Decr. 6 Cesar & Flora negros both of this Town.
15th. Gideon Stetson & Hannah Holbrook both of this Town.
24th. John Wild & Jemima Spear, both of this Town.
1771, Jan^{ry} 5th. David White & Releaf Thayer both of this Town.
Jan^{ry} 21st. William Sever Junr. of Dorchester & Thankfull Stetson of Braintree.
Feb^{ry}. 9th. Doct^{r}. Ephraim Wales & Mary Beale both of this Town.
[259] 1771 March 2^{d}. Zebulon Hayward Junr. & Susanna Clark both of this Town.
8th Aaron Bosworth of Ashford Connecticut & Sarah Ames of this Town.
16th. William Blancher of Stoughton & Rachel Spear of this Town.
April 6th. Noah Thayer 2^{d}. of Braintree & Eunice Allen of Wrentham,
7th Benjamin Cleverly jun^{r}. & Prudence Saunders both of this Town.
27th Daniel White Junr. & Bettee Thayer both of this Town.
May 30th. William Clark of Norton & Avis Thayer of this Town.
July 6th. Joseph Peakes of this Town & Olla Pratt of Weymouth.
12th. Nathaniel Niles & Bethiah Fenton both of this Town.
12th. John Thayer 2^{d}. & Elizabeth Hollis both of this Town.
26 Jacob Gloyd of Abington and Sarah Pratt of this Town.
Augst. 23^{d}. James Niles of this Town & Elizabeth Vinton of Stoughton.

Octr. 6, William Linsfield Junr. & Mary White both of this Town.
6 Barnabas Clark & Bethiah Randell both of this Town.
12 John Bowditch & Mary Steward both of this Town.
12 Solomon Thayer, & Susanna Dyer, both of this Town.
Novemb^{r}. 2^{d}. Joseph Turner of Dorchester & Asenath Hayden of this Town.
9th Edward Bass, of this Town & Bathsheba Keith of Bridgwater.
30th. Elkanah Thayer & Mary Adams both of this Town.
Decr. 21st. Gaius Thayer, & Sarah Vesey both of this Town.
28th. Josiah Thayer Junr. & Avis Hayward both of this Town.
28th Alexander Miller & Elizabeth Cheesman both of this Town.
1772, Jan^{ry}. 25th. Aminadab Hayden & Susanna Thayer both of this Town.
30th. Sam^{ll} Bass, 4th. & Elizabeth Brackett both of this Town.
Feb 22^{d}. Atkins Clark & Ruth Cheesman both of this Town.
March 7th. Enoch Penniman & Rebecca Turner both of this Town.
24, Peter Sloan & Dorcas Niles both of this Town.
April 1st. Joseph Rounsevel of Middleborough & Elizabeth Hayward of this Town.
17th Noah Whitcomb & Hannah Nash of Abington.
June 27th Sheribiah Arnold & Elizabeth Thayer both of this Town.
1772, Aug 22^{d}. Thomas Hollis Junr. & Lydia Holbrook both of this Town.
22^{d}. Sam^{ll}. Stoel Junr. of Abington & Allethea Thayer of this Town.
29th. John Wales & Eunice Thayer both of this Town.
Septr. 16th. George Wheeler & Ann Fitch both of this Town.
17th. John Dobel of Boston & Susanna White of this Town.
Novr. 7th. Adam Hobart & Avis Thayer both of this Town.
Novr. 14th Lemuel Wales & Reliance Allen both of this Town.
Novr. 14th. Thomas Holbrook & Sarah Tower both of this Town.
Novr. 14th. William Arnold & Eleonar Daniels both of this Town.

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1772, Decr. 10th. Benjamin Savel & Sarah Hayward both of this Town.
19 Ebenezer Thayer 3^{d}. of this Town & Rachel Thayer of Boston.
1773, March 6th. James Stoddard, of this Town & Elizabeth Torry of Abington.
April 2^{d}. Joseph Hollis of Pembroke & Anna Jennins, of this Town.
2^{d}. Joshua Sampson of Duxbury & Rachel French of this Town.
24th. Ambrose Salisbury of this Town & Sarah Whitman of Weymouth.
24 Daniel Lain of Newport & Silence Crane of this Town.
24 Nathaniel Davis of Boston, & Ruth Thayer of this Town.
June 11th. Henry Hayden & Sally Carmen both of this Town.
18th. Ebenezer Crane & Desire Horton, both of this Town.
Aug 12th. Lemuel Badcock, resident in Dorchester & Sarah Savil of this Town

Septr. 18th. Richard Goss, of Newburyport & Susanna Allen of this Town.
Octr. 23^{d}. Henry Cleverly of this Town & Elizabeth Defiler of Milton.
Novr. 6th. Cornelius White of this Town & Abigail Thayer of Weymouth.
6th William Brackett & Mercy Brackett both of this Town.
24th. Joseph Field & Mehitable Luddens both of this Town.
Decr. 2^{d}. Charles Richardson of Bridgwater & Hannah Kingman of this Town.
12th. Moses Arnold & Sarah Vinton both of this Town.
18th William Arnold & Rebecca Joslyne both of this Town.
18 Elijah Thayer & Phebe Thayer both of this Town.
25th Samuel Newcomb, of Braintree & Mary Bent of Milton.
1774, Jany 8th. James Denton & Ruth Hunt both of this Town.
18th. Oliver Thayer & Ruth Hunt both of this Town.
27th. John Clark & Mehitable Vinton both of this Town.
Feb^{ry} 11th. Rev^{d}. Oakes Shaw of Barnstable, & Susanna Hayward of this Town.
Feb^{ry} 11th. Ebenezer Hayward of this Town & Susanna Byram of Bridgwater.
20th. Jacob Whitcomb & Abigail Wales both of this Town.
March 12th David White & Experience Niles both of this Town.
March 26th. David Linsfield & Esther French both of this Town
26th. Joshua Clark, & Judith Hayward both of this Town
April 14th. Caleb Hunt & Sarah Holbrook both of this Town.
June 11th. Jonathan Carter Junr. of Sudbury & Hannah Stevens of this Town.
July 2^{d}. William Porter of Abington & Mary Cheesman of this Town.
30, Joseph Vinton of this Town & Ann Hill of Bridgwater.
Septr. 2^{d}. Jonathan Cobb, of Taunton & Hannah Beal of this Town.
16th John Scudder of Boston & Elizabeth Thayer of this Town.
16th Daniel Hollis & Esther Owen both of this Town.
30th George Hunt of this Town & Sarah Bowen of Bridgwater.
Oct. 1st. John Thomas Junr. of this Town & Lydia Bayley of Weymouth
16th John Wilson & Alice Peake both of this town.

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1774 Octr 22^{d}. Captn Moses Curtis of this Town & Experience Colson of Weymouth.
Octr. 22^{d}. James Holbrook & Rhoda Vinton both of this Town.
28 Matthew Pratt & Sarah Jones both of this Town.
28 James Kingman & Releaf Clark both of this Town. forbid.
28 David Kenney of Stoughton & Mary Tant of this Town.
Novr. 12th Samuel Croxford of Roxbury & Lydia Thayer of this Town.
Decr. 3^{d}. James Tower & Elizabeth Whitmarsh, both of this Town
3^{d}. Lemuel Field & Susanna Thayer both of this Town.

21st. Jonathan Nash & Abigail Allen both of this Town.
1775, Jany. 21 Micah Thayer Junr. & Priscilla Orcut both of this Town.
Feb. 2d. Jonathan Webb 2d. & Nancy Nash, both of this Town.
9 Revd. Nathaniel Emmons of Wrentham & Deliverance French of this Town.
11 Franklin Germanis Etter & Elizabeth Cleverly both of this Town.
16th. Revd. Ezra Weld & Bettey Soper both of this Town.
March 15th. Noah Thayer Junr. & Dorothy Hunt, both of this Town.
March 18th. Levi Thayer & Hannah Curtis both of this Town.
April 1st. Ebenezer Hayden Junr. & Anna Thayer both of this town
1 James Hollis Junr. & Abigail Penniman both of this Town.
1 Daniel French & Rebecca Thayer both of this Town.
May 20th. James Faxon Junr. & Mary Field both of this Town.
June 10th. Benjamin Man & Hannah Hayward both of this Town.
24 James Faxon & Mary Denton both of this Town.
July 1st. Oliver Newcomb & Elizabeth Adams both of this Town.
Aug. 19th. Zachariah Thayer Junr. & Mary Arnold both of this Town
Septr. 26th. Joseph Richards of Stoughton & Molley Wales of this Town.
Nov. 11th. John Field Jr & Ruth Thayer both of this Town.
11th. Robert Milton & Ann Hayden both of this Town.
18th. Nathaniel Hunt & Abigail Silvester both of this Town.
25th. Elisha Wales & Lydia Thayer both of this Town.
25 John Tower & Mehitable Thayer both of this Town.
28 Samuel Billing & Anna Fessenden both of this Town.
Decr. 2d. Solomon Barber of Weymouth & Deborah Faxon of this Town.
1776 Januy. 20th. William Jones of Connecticut & Mary Nightengall of this Town.
20, Nathaniel Hollis & Rebecca Hobart both of this Town.
Feby 3, Joseph Hunt & Mary Littlefield both of this Town.
March 1, William Arnold & Susee Hunt both of this Town.
1 Caleb Hunt & Mary Thomas both of this Town.

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1776 March 15th. Ebenezer Pratt & Sarah Whitcomb both of this Town.
22d. Ebenezer Field Junr. of this Town & Mary Allcott of Weymouth.
Aprl 5th. Stephen Fox of Hartford & Rebecca Field of this Town.
May 11th. William Hobart & Mercy Burrell both of this Town.
30th. Micah Thayer & Beulah Faxon both of this Town.
July 16th. Enoch Ludden of Milton & Ruth Spear of this Town.
18th. Aminidab Hayden & Sarah Wilson both of this Town.
Augst. 8th. William Crane of Boston & Sarah Thayer of this Town.
17th. Ensn. Thomas Thayer & Mrs. Ann Savel both of this Town.

24th. James Thayer Junr. & Mehitable Brackett, both of this Town
Septr. 6th. Abel Thayer, of Weymouth & Thankfull Dunham of this Town.
7th. Josiah Vinton & Ann Adams both of this Town.
7 Jacob Allen & Hiphzibah Vinton both of this Town.
1776, Septr. 21st. John Hobart secd. & Deborah White both of this Town.
28th. Thomas French jun & Hannah Wild both of this Town.
Octr. 2d. Samuel Linsfield of this Town & Elizabeth Porter of Stoughton
21 Joseph Gooch Junr. & Judith Bradley Both of this Town
Novr. 8th. Nathaniel Hayden & Lucy White, both of this Town.
9 Nathaniel Thayer & Dorcas Faxon both of this Town
9 John Venson Junr. of Weymouth & Rebecca Clark of this Town.
9 Thomas Blanchar of Weymouth & Ruth White of this Town.
Decr. 7th. John Clark Secd. & Margery Hayward both of this Town.
Dec. 11th. Lieut. Joshua Howard & Mrs Bethiah Bicknell, both of this Town.
24th. Jackson Feild & Lydia Copeland both of this Town.
26 Joseph Allen & Mehitable Holbrook both of this Town.
1777, Janry. 15th. Nathaniel Arnold & Thankfull Field both of this Town.
25th. Samuel Nightingall & Elizabeth Adams both of this Town
March 22 Samuel Spear secd. & Jane Spear both of this Town.
Seth Man Junr. & Deborah Dyer both of this Town.
Aprl 3d. Moses Littelfield & Hannah Man both of this Town.
4th. Elihu Penniman of this Town & Ruth Torrey of Weymouth
12th. Jeremiah Thayer Junr. & Elizabeth Dyer both of this Town

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1777 Apr. 19th. Samuel Cheesman Junr. of this Town & Martha French of Stoughton.
John Luce, & Mary Davis both of this Town.
25th. Asa Thayer of this Town & Mary Hunt of Weymouth
30th. Aaron Hayward Junr. & Aletheia Allen both of this Town
Jonathan Hill & Anna Wild both of this Town.
May 8th. Jonathan Dammon of Dedham & Polley Marsh of this Town.
15th. Timothy Spear of this Town & Mary Collins of Gloucester.
24th. Peter Dyer and Thankfull Thayer both of this Town.
June 7th. John Battles Junr of Stoughton & Lydia Spear of this Town.
28th. Sherebiah Arnold & Deborah Thayer both of this Town
July 4th. Enos Thayer of Bridgwater & Sarah Sawen of this Town.
5th. David Hayden & Nane Boing both of this Town.
25th. Meshach Penniman & Ruth Dwellee both of this Town
26 Samuel Savel and Sarah Hayward both of this Town.
Augst. 18th. Joseph Arnold and Ruth Thayer both of this Town.
23d. Timothy Thayer of this Town & Hannah Thayer of Weymouth.

30 Benjamin Pray, & Lydia Field, both of this Town.
Septr. 4th. Dec^{n}. Jonathan Webb & Elizabeth Jones both of this Town
Octr. 2^{d}. Daniel Spear & Ruth Glover both of this Town.
4th. Joseph Crosby & Bettey Soper both of this Town.
4th Edmund Soper & Rebecca Thayer both of this Town.
11th. Joseph Hunt & Elizabeth Thayer both of this Town
17th Ebenezer Storer Esqr. of Boston & Mrs Hannah Lincoln of this Town.
18th. Simeon Hollis of Weymouth & Hannah Press of this Town
David Bass & Abigail Veazie both of this Town.
23^{d} Maj^{r} Aaron Hubbard of Abington and Thankfull Adams of this Town.
25th. John Pray and Mary Cleverly both of this Town.
25th Moses Nash of Weymouth & Rachel Cowen of this Town.
30 Nathan Tirrell of this Town & Abigail Hunt of Dorchester.
31 Nathaniel Holbrook of Weymouth & Susanna Hayward of this Town.
31 Peter Niles and Sarah French both of this Town.
31 Ebenezer Clark Jun. & Ruth Wild both of this Town.

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1777, Nov. 1, Abraham Thayer & Judith French both of this Town.
3 William Jones of Woodstock in the State of Connecticut and Mary Nightingall of this Town.
Decr. 6 John Sanders & Sarah Cleverly both of this Town.
17 Anthony Hunt & Ruth Newcomb both of this Town.
1778, Feb. 14th. Lemuel Wales & Silence French both of this Town.
18th. Jonathan Marsh of this Town & Meriam Reed of Abington.
Boston & Nancy Negros, both of this Town.
March 18th. Eleazer Beal and Sarah French both of this Town.
20th. Jonathan Clark & Susanna French both of this Town.
April 18th. Michael Whitemore of Roxbury & Rebecca Nightengall of this Town.
May 15th. Philip Thayer & Lydia Salisbury both of this Town
15th Nathaniel Wales & Mary Hayden both of this Town.
Aug 8, Daniel Loring of Duxbury & Mary Thayer of this Town.
15th Thomas Wales and Hannah Belcher both of this Town
Septr. 19th David Person Hayward & Lois Hayward both of this Town
Oct 3 Joseph Ryford & Rachel Man both of this Town.
12 Nero a Negro belonging to the Heirs of Capt. Elijah Davis of Dorchester & Fidelter a Negro belonging to Capt Benj. Beal of this Town.
31 Simeon Thayer Junr. of this Town & Olive Braman of Norton.
1778 Novr. 7 Nathaniel Glover of Dorchester & Marcy Eaton of this Town
7 Thomas Crosbey of Boston & Thankfull Stevens of this Town.
7 Alexander White & Dorcas Thayer both of this Town.

14 William Chandler of Hartford & Susanna Spriggs of this Town
14 Eli Spear and Jane Tower both of this Town.
14 Luther Spear and Rebecca Tower, both of this Town.
18 Jonathan Miller and Thankfull Arnold both of this Town
26 Ephraim Blanchard and Anna Capen both of this Town
28th. Howlan Cowen and Rachel Hollis both of this Town.
28th John Slone Jun and Phebe Man both of this Town.

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1778, Decr. 5th. John Reed 3d of Weymouth & Rachell Clark of this Town
1779 Jany 23d. Ebenr. Thayer 3d. of this Town & Lydia West of Bridgwater.
Feb. 6th. Micah Newcomb & Susanna Randall both of this Town
20 Ebenr White of this Town & Mary Lovell of Weymouth.
27th. Micah Thayer and Abigail Wales both of this Town.
April 1st. Simeon Curtis of Stoughton & Prudence French of this Town.
May 1st. Benja Thayer & Elizabeth Peacock both of this Town.
27 Zebah Thayer & Hannah White both of this Town.
July 9 Jonathan Holbrook & Esther Hollis both of this Town.
Solomon Thayer secd. & Lydia Thayer both of this Town.
10 Josiah Veazie & Olive Nash both of this Town.
31 Revd. Ezra Weld of this Town & Abigail Greenleaf of Boston.
Augst. 14, Nathaniel Holbrook & Ruth Man both of this Town.
28 Silas Hayward of this Town & Mary Thayer of Bridgwater.
Richard Thayer and Mary French both of this Town.
Sept. 18 James Thayer Junr. & Mary Thayer both of this Town.
Sept. 11 Simeon Spear of this Town & Sarah Hawes of Stoughton.
20 David Whitcomb and Phebe Beltcher both of this Town.
October 1st. Shadrack Thayer secd. of this Town Ruth Vinton of Stoughton
30, John Burrage now a Resident in this Town & Mary Spear of this Town.
Novembr. 20th. Joseph Tirrell Junr and Mary Hunt both of this Town
December 25th. Micah Wild Junr. and Mary Cowen both of this Town.
28 Sands Niles of this Town & Ann Ludden of Chesterfield.
1780 Janry 15th. Saml White Thayer & Esther French both of this Town.
Feburry 5 Jonathan Thayer Junr. & Betsy Faxon both of this Town
Silas Stetson of Scituate & Patty Milton of this Town.
1780, March 2d. Elijah French Junr. & Susanna White both of this Town.
March 10th. William Curtis Junr. of Stoughton & Hannah Linsfield of this Town.
18th. Uriah Thayer Junr. & Phebe Hayden both of this Town
April 7th Seth Bass secd. & Mary Jones both of this Town
25th. Jacob Hayden & Elizabeth Vinton both of this Town.

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1780 June 10 Oliver Newcomb of this Town & Elizabeth Loring of Hull.
24 Dr. Thomas Phipps and Mary Brackett both of this Town.
July 8 John Marvle of Lanchaster in the State of Pennsylvania and Susanna Field of this Town.
21, Ephraim Milton & Rachel Thayer, both of this Town.
28 Amos Stetson & Lydia Richardson both of this Town.
Aug 20, Ephraim Man & Margaret Thayer both of this Town.
Sept 3^{d}. Samuel Trask & Rebecca Newton both of this Town.
17 Joseph Goar of Roxbury & Maribah Thayer of this Town
24 Noah Cheesman & Mary Holbrook both of this Town.
Oct 1st. Oliver Thayer & Mary Hayward Both of this Town.
8th. Asaph Faxon of Athol & Rachel Wild of this Town.
8th. Jonathan Greele of Roxbury & Susanna Copland of this Town.
8th. Jacob Hunt & Hannah Littlefied both of this Town.
Novr. 25 Benjamin Pray & Sarah Harmond both of this Town.
Decemb. 22, William Wild 3^{d}. & Rachel Thayer both of this Town.
1781, Jany 5th. Joshua Clark of this Town & Cloe Bird of Stoughton.
6th. Jonathan Arnold & Lydia Allen both of this town.
9 John Turner & Lydia Gay both of this town.
24 John Wales of Dorchester Hannah Nightingall of this Town.
27 Benoni Howard of this Town & Mary Gibbens of Stoughton
March 6, Wilson Marsh Jr & Susanna Savel both of this Town.
May 7 Samuel Hunt of Milton & Ruth Tower of this Town.
June 6th. M^{r}. Abraham Cumings of Topsfield & Mrs Phebe Thayer of this Town.
25 Joseph Man & Mary Dyer Both of this Town.
Aug 11, William Thayer & Sarah Jones Both of this Town.
25 Ephraim Man of this Town and Comfort Jewit of Pound Will in the State of Vermont.
Septr 1, Ephraim Milton & Sarah Downing Both of this Town.
Barnabas Thayer Sec^{d}. of this Town and Lucy Nash of Weymouth.

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1781 Septr 1, Samuel Hayward of Roxbury & Sarah Adams of this town.
8 Benjamin Nash Junr. of this Town & Patty Colson of Weymouth.
15 John Thayer Sec^{d}. & Unice West both of this Town
22 John White Junr. & Hannah Thayer both of this Town
Octr. 6 Edward Willard Baxter & Rhoda Field both of this Town.
27th. Zenas French & Releaf Thayer both of this Town.
John White of Abingtown & Susannah Clark of this Town
Nov. 3, Isaac Horton of Dorchester & Esther Wild of this Town.
10 Nathaniel Belcher Junr. & Sarah Wild both of this Town
24 William Spear & Priscill Ford Both of this Town.
Decr. 1st. Jacob Spear, & Rhoda Spear Both of this Town.
Nov. 22, Joshua French Jr. & Lucy Thayer Both of this Town.
John Copeland & Sarah Field Both of this Town.

1782 Jan 5 William Thayer of this Town & Betty Kingman of Weymouth.
12 Samuel Weeks, of Boston & Rebeca Nash of this Town.
19 Caleb Hunt of this Town & Elizabeth Orcutt of Weymouth
John Hayward & Ruth Hayden both of this Town.
Warren Stowell of Bridgwater & Mary Kingman of this Town.
Benjamin Payn & Mary Thayer both of this Town, Nov. 16.
March 9th. Silvanus Loud & Lydia Lovel both of this Town.
23 William Hayden Secd. & Elizabeth Peeks both of this town.
April 1st. William Blanchard & Betty Man both of this Town.
13th Nathaniel Spear Secd. & Mary Porter both of this Town.
20 Isaac Wiser of Sudbury & Mehitable Hayward of this Town.
May 4th. Isaac Thayer of this Town & Hannah Joyce of Bridgwater
Richard Spear Junr. of this Town & Mary Thayer of Templeton.
June 15th. Ephraim Blanchard Jr. & Sarah Hayden both of this Town
29th. Moses Babcock and Hulday Adams both of this Town
August 9th. John Nightingal and Mary Brackett both of this Town
August 17 Joseph Hollis of this Town & Sarah Hunt of Weymouth.
Joesph Crane Junr. of this Town & Ruth Wales of Dorchester.
Septr. 7 Joseph Brown of Abingtown & Ruth Davis of this Town.
Luther French & Hanna French both of this Town
Ahaz French & Judith French both of this town.
13 Gideon Thayer & Susanna Penniman both of this Town.
William Sanders and Nancy Savil both of this Town.

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Septr. 25th. Eliphalet Sawen Jr. and Eunice Wild both of this Town.
Octr. 12th. Samuel Horton of Milton & Mary Hollis of this Town
Ebenezer Hunt of Weymouth & Susanna Bowditch of this Town
Ebenezer Denton & Sarah Penniman both of this Town
Nov. 9, Jonathan Wild Secd. & Deborah Wild both of this Town.
Charles Whitmarsh & Anna Faxon both of this Town.
16 Samuel Crane & Experiance Thayer both of this Town.
Stephen Pratt, & Lucy Curtis both of this Town.
23 Josiah Veazie & Mary Brackett both of this Town.
Octr. 19 omitted, Adonijah French & Elizabeth Linsfield both of this Town
Febry. 1st. Samuel Thayer, & Sarah Stutson both of this Town.
8th. Amos Samson of Duxbury & Joanna French of this Town.
March 8th. John Hunt and Mary Thayer both of this Town
15th. Timothy Field and Catherine Faxon both of this Town.
29 Eliphaz Thayer and Deliverance Thayer both of this Town
April 3, Lemuel Billing, of Dorchester & Mary Rawson of this Town.
4th. Francis Faxon & Dorcus Wild both of this Town
10th. Samuel Ludden & Bettee Jones both of this Town
25th. William Stephens & Abigail Veazie both of this Town
Ebenezer Holbrook & Elizabeth Hayden both of this Town.

May 3d. Stephen Cheesman & Lucy Noyes both of this Town
10th. Timothy Thayer & Phebe Kingman both of this Town.
16th. John French second & Hannah Wales both of this Town.
29 Lemuel Field, and Ruth Hunt both of this town.
July 24, Joseph French of Washington in the State of Hamshear & Abigail Hayward of this Town.
August, 2d. Stephen Hollis & Rebecca West both of this Town.
Bryant Newcomb & Jane Glover both of this Town.
Benjamin Field & Lydia Green both of this Town.
Bethewell Penniman & Huldah Hollis both of this Town
9th. Zibe Hayden, & Lightte Pitte both of this Town.
23 John Wild of this Town & Priscilla Beal of Abington
16 Asa Copland of this Town & Nabba Wade of Milton.
Septr. 13th. Elijah Belcher Junior & Lucy Newcomb both of this Town.
20th. David Thayer & Anna French both of this Town
Samuel Bass of this Town & Sally Lawrence of Lincoln.

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1783 Septr. 27th. Ebenezer Nightingal & Sarah Brackett, both of this town.
Octr. 3 Gideon French Jur. of this Town and Ruth Purkiss of Waltham.
11 Samuel Savil 2d. and Esther Bass both of this Town.
25 Timothy French, of this Town & Polley Swan of Dedham.
28th. Edward Savil & Alethear Copland both of this Town
Jeriah Bass & Lucretia Savil both of this Town
Nov. 15th. Nathaniel Glover & Abigail Copland both of this Town.
Ziba Cheesman and Mehitable Belcher both of this Town.
22 Micah White Jur. & Sarah Man both of this Town
John Hunt Jr & Hannah Hunt both of this Town
Edward Jones of Milton & Phebe Booth of this Town.
27, John Gooch of this Town & Elisabeth Godard of Roxbury.
James Clark Jur. & Rhoda Billing both of this Town.
Gregory Clark & Elizabeth Bass both of this Town.
Samuel Copland & Ruth Whitmarsh both of this Town
Decr. 13th. Hobart Clark & Mary Vinton both of this town.
Abraham Jones & Eunice Cheesman both of this Town.
20 Samuel Kingman & Sarah Gloid both of this Town
24 Joseph Marshal of Dorchester & Rebecca Harmon of this town.
31 Abdy a Negro man of this Town & Pheby a Negro woman of Weymouth.
1784, January 17th. John Thayer 3d. & Betsey Spear both of this Town
Ruben Thayer & Rachel Stetson both of this Town
Feby. 6 Adam Hayward & Polley Man both of this Town.
March 6, Matthew Pratt & Mary Niles both of this Town.
13th. John Sharthause of this Town & Hannah Cowen of Weymouth
20th. Ebenezer French & Lucy Cleverly both of this Town.

John Vinton Jr of this Town & Hannah Riply of Weymouth
April 3 Gideon Stetson Ju^{r}. & Anne Thayer both of this Town.
17 William Hayden & Deborah Noyes both of this Town.
George Groom of Boston & Lydia Copland of this Town
Jacob Denton & Mary French both of this Town
May 10th. Randol Wild & Sarah Hunt both of this Town.
May 14th. Benjamin Guild of Boston & Elizabeth Quincy of this Town.

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1784, June 5, Jonathan Thayer 3^{d}. & Dorcas Thayer both of this Town.
Joshua Briggs of Pembrook & Mary Lovell of this Town.
Ezra Thayer and Charlotte French both of this Town.
26, Francis Blanchard, of Roxbury & Thankfull Stevens of this Town.
John Lovell & Polley Hayward both of this Town.
July 3^{d}. John Nightingall and Frances Brackett both of this Town.
Caleb French and Releaf Faxon both of this Town.
Augst. 14, Samuel Vinton Turner & Abigail Wild both of this Town.
28 Jotham French of this Town & Grace Avery of Dedham.
Sept 3^{d}. Dr. Daniel Fogg & Susanna Thayer both of this Town.
10 Samuel Belcher Junr. & Mary Thayer both of this Town.
18th. Silas Wild Junr. & Abigail Thayer both of this Town.
Nathaniel Arnold of this Town and Lucy Burrell of Weymouth.
20th George Domett of Boston & Rebecca Vesey of this Town.
23^{d}. Benjamin Spear & Mary Littlefield both of this Town.
25 Lemuel Clark & Releaf Soper both of this Town.
Octr 2^{d}. Zebulon Payn of Abington and Hannah Tirrell of this Town.
23^{d}. Thomas Wales of this Town and Mary Hobart of Abington
23 Thomas Cleverly & Betssey Beals both of this Town.
25th. Seth Hunt & Salley Spear both of this Town.
Novr 6th. Decon Jonathan Wild & Abigail Fenton both of this Town
Moses Jones of this Town and Nabby Tirrell of Weymouth.
Seth Edson of Bridgewater & Dory Howard.
20 John Niles of this Town and Olive Wales of Stoughton.
1785 Jany. 8 Jobe Thayer of this Town & Mary Wade of Weymouth.
Jany. 25 Jacob Copland of Stoder in the State of New Hampshire and Experience White of this Town.
Feb. 12th. Daniel Hayward, & Mary Denton both of this Town
Nehemiah Thayer of this Town and Sarah Hobart of Pembrook.
Nathaniel Hunt Ju^{r}. & Hannah Payn both of this Town.

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1785 March 5th. Timothy Thayer Sec^{d}. & Rachel Spear both of this Town.
Paul Wild and Rachel Thayer both of this Town.

April 2d. Solomon Thayer and Alletheah Hayden of this Town.
1785 May 8th. Joseph Neal Arnold & Mehetable Adams both of this Town.
Samuel Hobart & Frances Copland both of this Town.
Lewis Hayden & Salle Thayer both of this Town.
June 4th. Josiah Adams of this Town & Esther Weston of Lincoln
17 James Hayward of this Town & Abigail Sumner of Stoughton.
July 2d. Solomon White & Bathsheba Wales both of this Town.
8th. Hope Bradley & Deborah Littlefield both of this Town
30 Solomon Thayer & Betty Thayer both of this Town.
August 2d. Jonathan Curtis of Stoughton & Eunice Wales of this Town.
6 Jonathan Rawson of this Town & Mary Houghton of Dorchester.
13th. Simeon Alden & Rachel French both of this Town.
Silas Clark & Betsey Hayward both of this Town.
Septr. 3d. Robert Thayer of this Town & Rebekah Thayer of Weymouth.
17 Nathaniel Hayden & Else Peeks both of this Town.
Jeremiah Smith Boies of Milton & Sarah Hanson Clark of this Town.
Octr. 29 Jeremiah Munk of Stoughton & Phebe Spear of this Town.
Samuel Lull of Newbury & Abigail Jones of this Town.
Novr. 5 Joseph Porter Jur. & Rachel Thayer both of this Town.
Decemr 2d Nathaniel Man of Scituate, and Abigail Billings of this Town.
10th. Increas Bates of Weymouth & Matilda Cowing of this Town.
Jeremiah Brown of Needham & Ann Cleverly of this Town.
Decemr. 15th. Charles Newcomb & Jerusha Adams both of this Town.
30th. Caleb Nash & Meriam Thayer both of this Town.
1786, Januy. 21st. Jotham French of this Town and Louis Packard of Bridgwater.

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Feby 11, Silvanus French & Hannah Thayer both of this Town.
March 6th. Silas Alden & Polley French both of this Town.
April 15th. Levi Hayden & Hannah Jones Both of this Town.
Aaron Littlefield & Meribah Thayer both of this Town.
19 John French Junr. of Stoughton, and Rebekah Linfield of this Town.
May 1st. Abizer Hayward & Sarah Hayward both of this Town.
Nathaniel Hobart Jur. & Jemima Clark both of this Town.
1786, June 29th. Abraham Thayer Junr. & Lydia Thayer both of this Town.
June, 7th. William Peirce Meed & Jane Edey both of this Town.
Aug. 11th. John Newcomb, & Rebeckah Brackett both of this Town.
19th. Alpheus Cary of this Town & Ruby Perkins of Bridgwater.

Septr. 2^{d}. Ralph Pope of Dorchester & Elizabeth Nash of this Town.
Benj Nash Junr. & Rachal Hayden both of this Town.
16 Seth Thayer Junr. of Bridgwater & Mary Thayer of this Town
Octr. 6th. Daniel Baxter of this Town & Sarah White of Weymouth.
Enos Ludden & Sarah Thayer both of this Town.
14 Anthony Hunt, & Martha Fletcher Pope both of this Town. The name Martha Fletcher was first given in wrong.
21st. Joshua Howard Jr. of this Town and Submit Arskine of Abingtown.
Thomas Annes of Milton & Elizabeth Cleverly of this Town.
Nov 11th. Samuel Spear & Elizabeth Baxter both of this Town.
Isaac Newcomb Field & Joanna Ford both of this Town.
18 Edward Howard of Bridgwater and Abigail Howard of this Town.
Decr. 30 Levi Thayer Sec^{d}. & Else Belcher both of this Town.
1787, Jany. 20th. John Hollis Junr. & Polly French both of this Town.

[273] Intentions of Marriages Entered.

1787 Feb. 17th. Dr. Ebenezer Alden & Sally Bass, both of this Town
Christopher Wadsworth Junior of Stoughton and R Hayward of this Town.
24th. Billy Belcher of this Town and Joanna Joy of Weymouth.
March 21, Benjamin Wild & Silva Thayer both of this Town.
21, Jacob Clark & Hannah Hobart both of this Town.
April 29, Daniel French of this Town & Polly Dammon of Dedham.
May 5th. Matthew Hunt Ju^{r}. & Eve Hollis both of this Town.
June 3^{d}. Jedidiah Adams & Esther Field both of this Town.
16th. William Worner of Boston & Martha Hunt of this Town.
30th. Moses Whitcomb & Rachel Wales, both of this Town.
July 21st. Jackson Field & Molley Newcomb both of this Town.
Benjamin Wales & Susanna Ludden both of this Town.
Nehemiah Hayden 3^{d}. & Rachel Hollis both of this Town.
Aug. 4th. Samuel Trask Ju^{r}. & Bettee Gray both of this Town.
18th. Lemuel Allen & Molley Glover both of this Town.
Sept. 8th. Joseph Curtis & Sarah Hunt 2^{d} both of this Town.
15th. Hanable a Negro man & Rhoda a Negro woman both of this Town.
24 Israel Cook of Wartertown & Hannah Rawson of this Town.
1787, Octr 20th. Jonathan Beale of this town & Maria Swift of Sandwich.
27 Abel Alleyne of this Town & Ann Chase of Bolton.
Novr. 10th. William Briggs & Naby Briggs both of this Town.
Decr. 1 Phineas Thayer & Anna Quincey Hunt both of this town.
8th. Bartholemew Thayer of Peterborough, & Rebecca Brackett of this Town.
Peter Hobart of this Town & Jerusha Marion of Dorchester

Lemuel Tirrell of Abington & Experance Trask of this Town.
William Aikens & Mary Clark both of this Town.
Feb. 23d. Alexander Thayer of this Town & Lucy Edson of Bridgwater.
Feb. 9 Nathaniel Dyer & Prudence Jones both of this Town.

[274] Mark of Creatures, Entered by the Owners.

1789 Janry. 9th Captn Silas Wild entered his mark, a slitt the underside of the left ear.
1790, June 4th. Mr. Elkanah Thayer entered his mark for (viz) a slitt under the Right ear and the end of the left cut off.

[275] Strays Enterd.

1789, Novr. 2d. James Faxon Junr. entered a mare taken as a stray on the thirty first day of October last supposed to be about, six years old between 14 & 15 hands high Dark, with one hind foot white, and a large star in her forehead.
Decr. 25th. Captn. James Faxon entered a heiffer taken up as strayed on the 24th. instt. a Red heiffer, coming two years old, no artificial, mark, granted a Warrant to Eph. Blancher and Ebenr. Denton to appraize March 1st. 1790
1790 June 4th. Elkanah Thayer, entered, 2 white sheep and one lamb as strays, the Sheep mark'd as follows, the Right ear cut off and a slit in the same one Redded on the back and shoulder the other Reded on the Back.
1791 Sept. 7th Thomas Hayden entered one white sheep taken up on Damage as a str'y marked as follows, both ears cutt off of the end and Split, Readed on the Rump and on the Right.
Decr. 17th. Lieut William Harmond entered a Barrow shote all white excepting a black spot on in the Brussells on his neck taken up as a stray.
1792 Septr. 18th. Ebenr. Thayer Junr. enters two ram lambs, one marked with reding on the Back, the other has the top of his right ear crop'd of also one Ewe sheep with both ears cropd. of and tar'd on the right Sholder, and one ewe lamb, the left ear crop'd and half the right, and tar'd on the right sholder, taken up by him as Stray.
Decr. 5th. Stephen Cheesman entered a last Spring colt all Red taken up by him as asStray.
[276] 4th July Lt. Joshua Hayward Enter'd his Mark a crop on the Right ear, & a notch the underside of the Left, — also Joshua Hayward Jr. a crop on the left ear & a notch the upper side the right.
1766, Janry. 15th. Daniel White enterd. his mark for Creatures (viz) an L on the upper side of each ear.
1767 Janry 19, Benjamin Thayer 2d enterd. his mark for creatures viz. a slitt in the Top of the right ear & two notches on the under side of the left ear.
1776 May 18th. Jacob Gloyd enterd. his mark for creatures viz. three notches the under side the left ear.

1777 Dec^{d}. Ebenezer Thayer Esqr. Enter^{d}. his mark for creatures viz an L on the under side of the left ear.

Dec 1778 Ebenezer Thayer Junr. Enter^{d}. his mark for creatures viz. an L on the underside of each ear.

1794, April 18 he ommitts the L on the Right ear and has taken the same mark for Creatures that his father had as above.

June 26, Ezra Penniman enter^{d}. his mark for Creatures (viz a Slitt in the top of the left ear.

1779 June 1 Enoch Hayden Enter^{d}. his mark for Creatures (viz) a crop off the Top of the Right ear & a happany on the upper side of the left ear.

1779 Septr. 13, Capt Samuel Holbrook Enter^{d}. his mark for Creatures (viz) a crop off the Right ear.

1782 April 10, Thomas Penniman Esqr. Enter^{d}. his mark a crop on the left ear & a slit in the same.

1786, Sept. 12th. Lieut Zacheus Thayer Entere^{d}. his mark for Creatures viz. a small slit in ye right ear.

1787, Aug 18th. Mr. Joseph Hunt Entered his mare for Creatures (viz) a slit in the end of the Right ear & a Slit under the left ear

1788, March 1 Mr. Seth Mann Ju^{r}. Entere^{d}. his mark for Creatures viz. a Slit in the end of each ear.

Mr Aaron Littlefield Entered his mark for Creatures viz. a slit end of the Left ear.

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" 693, for "Cariter" read "Circiter."
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